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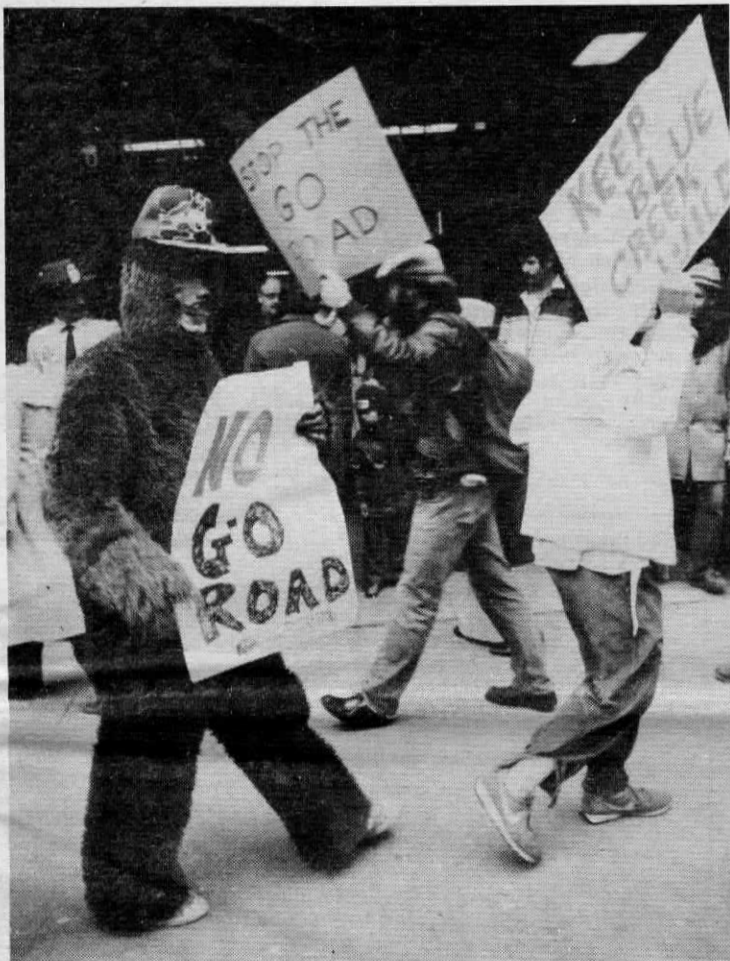
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## KALMIOPSIS BLOCKADE BEGINS



Siskiyou grizzly and friends protest the NO G-O Road at Regional Forester's office, San Francisco.

—photo by Chuck Barry

## NO G-O ROAD

### Judge Delays G-O Road

Obviously unimpressed by the Six Rivers National Forests justification of the G-O Road in northern California, U.S. District Judge Stanley Weigel told the Forest Service to delay any construction of the road through the Siskiyou roadless area and sacred Indian lands until May 14. Judge Weigel is expected to have reached a decision by that time on the suit filed by the Sierra Club, Indian groups, and the State of California to prevent construction of the road.

Although pleased with the judge's attitude on the case, environmentalists from the Arcata area continue to plan a blockade of what they call the "NO G-O Road" if construction is allowed to proceed. "We certainly hope that Judge Weigel rules against this sacrilegious road, but if he doesn't we're ready and willing to blockade it with our bodies," said one. A NO G-O Road Rally is

planned for Saturday, May 14, at the Big Flat Campground in the Six Rivers National Forest.

"We're planning to take part in both the NO G-O Road and Bald Mountain Road blockades," said Ed Heske of Berkeley Earth First! "You don't have to live in the area for it to be your issue." Other areas in California organizing affinity groups and support for the two blockades include San Francisco, Marin, Sacramento, Chico, Ukiah, and Garberville. Heske urged EF'ers in California to talk to their local contact listed in the *EF!* paper for information or to call the NO G-O Road hotline in Arcata 707-822-6055.

Dave Foreman and Johnny Sagebrush will be touring California and Oregon in April and May organizing support for the blockades and there will be Earth First! tables at Earth Week activities at universities in both states.

"The Forest Service is an out-law agency. If we don't stop them in the Kalmiopsis, there won't be any old growth forest left on the Pacific Coast outside of currently designated wilderness and parks."

So said Marcy Willow of Eugene as Oregon Earth First! launched a nonviolent blockade of construction of the Bald Mountain Road along the northern boundary of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area in southwest Oregon's Siskiyou National Forest. "We're here to stand with the big trees and Bigfoot," said Lizabeth Capizzi of Corvallis.

The controversial Forest Service road is designed to snake along the high ridge from Flat Top out to Bald Mountain between the Illinois River and Silver Creek and "open up" 150,000 acres of wild, rugged country for clearcutting. The road will wipe out portions of the popular Illinois River Trail and come within six inches of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness boundary. The Silver Creek country to the north of Bald Mountain has long been proposed for addition to the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, but opposition from Senator Mark

Hatfield has prevented its protection.

The vast Kalmiopsis country, probably the largest and most important roadless area in Oregon, has been under sustained Forest Service attack for several decades. It is almost as if the Forest Service feels challenged by the fragility and magic of the area and must destroy it to prove their manhood. The values of the area cannot be exaggerated: the world's most diverse coniferous forest; rare endemic plants; sparkling wild rivers and streams providing prime steelhead and salmon habitat; spotted owl, wolverine, otter, mountain lion, and bear habitat; primary range for the legendary Bigfoot; potential habitat for wolf and grizzly. Despite the diversity and lushness of the forest, much of the area is poorly forested due to highly mineralized soils, and the soils are highly susceptible to destruction if disturbed. The Forest Service has ignored reports on soil instability as well as other pleas for preservation.

The Siskiyou National Forest is so dedicated to smashing the Bald Mountain Road through the Kalmiopsis that it has specifically brought in 6-ft. 5-in., 220

pound, motorcycle-riding District Ranger Bob Butler to do the job. Butler's main accomplishments to date are felling a tree on the Forest Supervisor's car and using his face for an emergency brake on his motorcycle, according to one local Earth Firster. "We're not afraid of him," said Marcy Willow. "The Forest Service will learn that the wilderness is bigger than all of us."

The blockade was organized by affinity groups of Earth First! from Grants Pass, Medford, Eugene and Corvallis, with help from the Bigfoot Preservation Society. "We need help from all over Oregon, California, and the West," Lizabeth Capizzi said in urging the formation of other affinity groups to take part. "We're saving old growth forest everywhere."

"We're in this for the long run," said Mike Roselle, from Jackson, Wyoming. "If necessary we'll be here 'til snow flies in the fall." He urged people to phone the special Kalmiopsis Blockade hotline in Grants Pass at 503-474-0259 or their local Earth First! contact for an up-to-date information and instructions on joining the blockade.

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### Can You Spare a Couple of Fins?

There ain't nothin' we like less than asking for money. But we sure need a little additional lettuce for the Bald Mountain Road and NO G-O Road blockade. Earth First! has full-time people in the field helping to organize the actions. They aren't being paid but they need subsistence. Then there's gasoline, phone bills, postage, printing. . . The list of expenses goes on and on.

If you can't take part in the blockade or don't want to be arrested fighting for the wolverine, steelhead, and spruce, you can still make a big contribution to our effort. Look in your checkbook or dig down in your purse or pocket and send us whatever you can. Five bucks, ten, twenty, or more. Anything will help.

Send it to Earth First! POB 235 Ely, NV 89301. Indicate that it is for the Blockade Fund. Make your check out to Earth First! We thank you and Bigfoot thanks you.

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## WATT AT LAKE FOUL

The following article is from a press release from Del Webb, Inc. Naturally we can't let the 20th Birthday of Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Foul go without celebration. Especially with our friend Jim Watt there! Earth First! is planning lots of fireworks for the event. Meet us at Lone Rock Campground in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area on the evening of May 18. Call your local EF! contact and arrange a carpool to the Dam. Call Spurs Jackson 801-355-2154 for more information or to suggest parlor games. See you there.

PHOENIX, AZ (Feb. 28)—As birthday parties go, the one scheduled May 19 at the Arizona-Utah border will be grander than John Wesley Powell could have imagined. But then, the lake occupying canyons mapped by the one-armed Civil War veteran is more spectacular than Powell or his contemporaries could visualize—186 miles long with 1960 miles of shoreline.

Keynote anniversary luncheon speaker at Wahweap Lodge and Marina near Page, Arizona will be James Watt, Secretary of the Interior.

Like any party for a popular 20-year-old, many "friends" will participate—the gateway cities of Page and Kanab, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation and Del E. Webb Recre-

ational Properties, which operates Lake Powell's five marinas.

May 19th festivities will begin with christening of new tour boats at the Arizona-Utah state line, one each by Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt and Utah Governor Scott Matheson. Other officials will participate in luncheon and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

It was the spring of 1963 that diversion tunnels closed on Glen Canyon Dam and Colorado River water began backing into the 96 red-rock canyons which provide Lake Powell its distinct character. Long before the lake filled to capacity in June, 1980, it possessed a year-around, worldwide appeal to boaters, fishermen, photographers, hikers and nature lovers in general.

"Lake Powell means many things to many people," says Dave Johnson, president of Del E. Webb Recreational Properties. "It also is an unqualified success, economically and sociologically, and an excellent example of cooperation between government and private enterprise."

Del E. Webb Recreational Properties, which began Lake Powell operations in 1975, is one of the nation's largest wilderness recreation and hospitality management companies.

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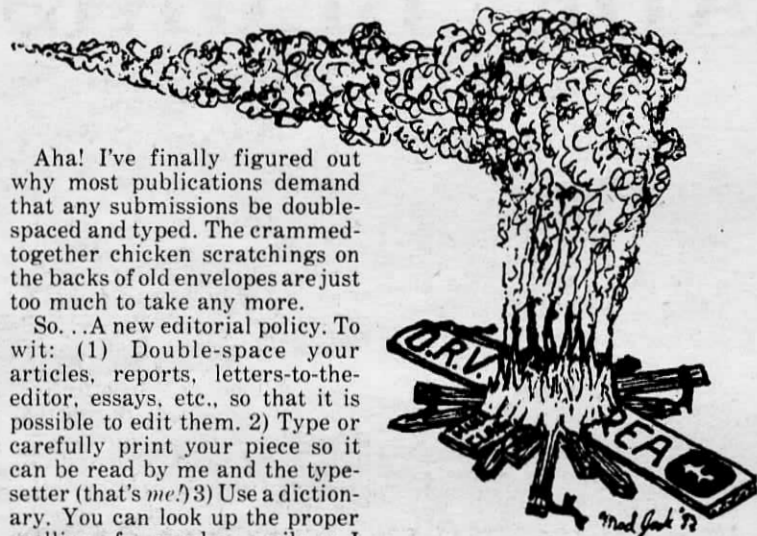
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## Around the Campfire



Aha! I've finally figured out why most publications demand that any submissions be double-spaced and typed. The crammed-together chicken scratchings on the backs of old envelopes are just too much to take any more.

So... A new editorial policy. To wit: (1) Double-space your articles, reports, letters-to-the-editor, essays, etc., so that it is possible to edit them. 2) Type or carefully print your piece so it can be read by me and the typesetter (that's me!) 3) Use a dictionary. You can look up the proper spelling of a word as easily as I can. 4) Don't send rough drafts. Draft it, read it, revise it, rewrite the run-on sentences, and do a clean copy to send in. 5) Be brief. Space is limited, try to say what you want to say in as short a space as possible. Leave the flowery prose to Chateaubriand. It is better for you to edit your piece to a reasonable length rather than leave it to me or, worse yet, Marcy Willow's heartless red pencil.

Most importantly, though, keep sending your work in. *Earth First!* certainly is receiving the most diverse, inspiring, interest-

ing, and entertaining material of any environmental publication.

Many of you have requested information on local groups. We are highlighting that in this issue and pages 8 & 9 should help you. Nonetheless, we can't tell you what to do. Read *EF!*, see what others are doing, and be creative. If you want to meet others of the *Earth First!* persuasion, there will be plenty of opportunity this year: the Kalmiopsis and Siskiyou blockades, Glen Canyon Dam Birthday Party with Jim Watt, the Round River Rendez-

vous, the Southeast Rendezvous, and the Salt Lake City benefit rally and concert. Y'all come.

Although the long-promised *Earth First!* Wilderness Preserve System Map is not in this issue, it is being worked on and should soon be ready for publication.

John Seed will be sending in a detailed report on the successful Franklin River Blockade with photographs for the June 21 issue of *EF!*. Suffice it to say, the March 5 election in Australia was a Green victory of the highest magnitude. The Labour Party swept the elections with promises of stopping the Franklin River Dam, saving the rainforests, preserving the Great Barrier Reef, prohibiting new uranium mining, and much more. Our Presidential candidates who claim to be champions of the environment should take warning and we environmentalists should hold their feet to the Green Fire. (California Senator Alan Cranston, for example, claims to be Green but is a major support of the G-O Road through the Siskiyou.)

This and the last issue were produced with the enthusiastic help of Marcy Willow, Mike Roselle, Diane Fouts, and Ken Sanders. Thanks friends. You make my editor's job easy.

— DF



JOHN ZALIT

### THANKS

Thanks to you who have sent in contributions for Cecelia's guitar and for the Neil Cobb/Bob Seeley Defense Fund. Cecelia is having a new guitar made and we hope she will be back on the road with us soon. We still need contributions to help with Neil's and Bob's expenses. Make your check out to *Earth First!* and send it to POB 235, Ely, NV 89301. Enclose a note that it is for the Cobb/Seeley Defense Fund.

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Contributions are welcomed and should be typed or carefully printed, double-spaced, and sent with an SASE. All contributions should be sent to POB 235, Ely, Nevada 89301 except for poetry which should go to Art Goodtimes, POB 1008, Telluride, CO 80415.

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### Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor are encouraged. Lengthy letters may be edited for space requirements. Be sure to indicate if you wish your name and location to appear. Send to PO Box 235, Ely, NV 89301.

Dear *Earthfirst!*ers,

Thank you for all the good work you do. It can never be appreciated enough. One warning for you though:

Excessive beer drinking, even just a lot of beer drinking, eats away the lining of the colon and leads to cancer.

I like beer too, but we should keep the risks in mind.

Take care of yourselves. We need you.

—A Portland doctor

To the editor,

I was shocked and dismayed to learn that *Earth First!*, a supposed leader in the quest for freedom of expression, has determined that my drawing entitled, "The day all the birds crapped on Jim Watt," is unsuitable for publication. I felt it was my duty to depict this actual event as it occurred, without "pulling any punches."

I will, however, reluctantly accept this editorial decision and, in fact, realize that the more squeamish among us may find the sight of our feathered friends defecating on the Secretary of the Interior too unsettling.

I submit in its stead, a depiction of a similar event which occurred just weeks ago. I hope you will find it less offensive. It is entitled, "The day the birds urinated on Jim Watt."

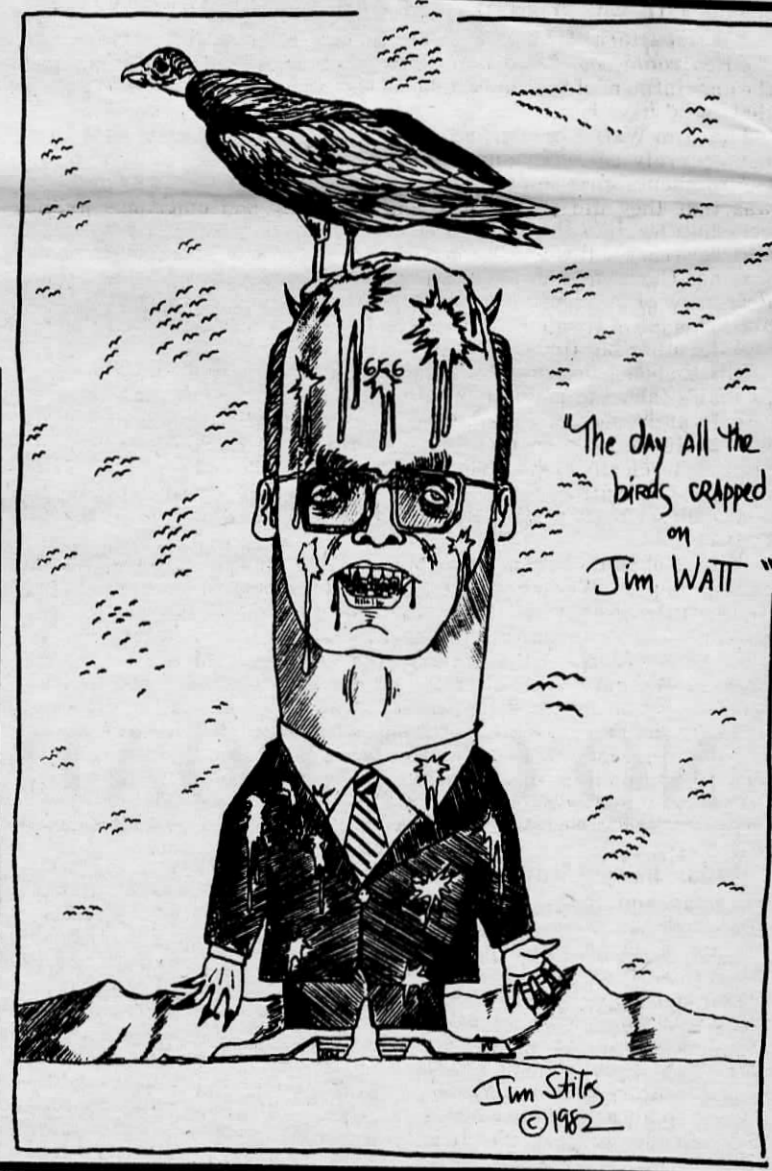
With warmest regards,  
Jim Stiles  
Moab, UT

Dear Editor and other low printlife:

RE: Jim Stiles' unoriginal, tasteless cartoon about Jimbob Watt trying to tell his ass from a hole in the ground. If we can't make savage, vicious, personal attacks on people of Watt's ilk (Raygun, Gore-such, But-ford, Cruel & Co.) is life really worth living? At what or to whom do we direct and vent our hostilities and misgivings about society? Mom? Apple Pie? The Flag?

The two Jims have elevated the debate to a whole new plane, (and I don't mean the one with all the little monkey wrenches falling out of it on last issue's back cover, either—I suppose you thought that was funny!) to a new level of spiritual consciousness, if you will; what I'm trying to say is to properly know and/or understand a geekball like Watt, first ya gotta be a geekball, get down in the mud and wrestle with the pasty white shellfish men call 666... I say more of that curmudgeon Stiles' sick tasteless humor. I hear he's got a new one entitled "The Day All the Birds Shat on James Watt," that you refused to print!! The freedom of the press belongs to the corporate entity that owns one... we have met the enemy and he is us... Live Free or Die... Don't Tread on Me... LSMFT... famous potatoes... oklahoma is ok... colorful colorado... wild wonderful wyoming... big sky country... UTAH... radioactive wonderland of the west...

THE IOLA-ATOLLAH  
Ed. Note: Okay, okay. No more pussy-footing. See this issue.



Dear Fellow Environmental Friends and Anarchists:

Reading the Sierra Club newsletter from Wisconsin, I discovered an article about your group. I'd like to get your newsletter. Coming from West Germany, where the Green Party will hopefully get into parliament, I sometimes think the U.S. environmentalists are too lame in their actions.

—Madison, WI

Dear *EF!*

Your address is hard to find. Perhaps you could spray paint it on the face of Glen Canyon Dam.  
—Tucson, AZ

Dear *EF!*

Thought you'd like the joke making the Sierra Club rounds here in Arizona: "Q: What's the *Earth First!* idea for a wilderness bill in Arizona? A: Cherrystem Phoenix."

—Tempe, AZ

## The Enemy that Lies Within

A couple of years ago, when I was working for the terribly moderate Wyoming Wilderness Association, I helped put together a proposal for a million-acre "Red Desert National Conservation Area," which was widely supported by conservationists throughout Wyoming. The proposal is conservative, allowing for continued mineral exploration within the area, but not within the unit's few small proposed wildernesses. Yet, at a recent public hearing held by Wyoming's BLM, a coalition of moderate conservation groups, not including the Wyoming Wilderness Association, sold out the proposal by endorsing Wilderness for only seven out of 13 Wilderness Study Areas in the Rock Springs BLM district. These spineless men and women were afraid that they would lose everything if they were to support more wilderness. In taking this covering dog stance, they have made it even more difficult than it otherwise would have been for serious wilderness advocates to secure the kind of ecosystem protection that this magnificent high desert deserves (Earth First! has proposed a million-acre wilderness in which all existing roads and developments are to be removed and obliterated.).

Here in Jackson, a local land use planning group has recently become active in public lands/

wilderness issues. The "Alliance" does have some good people at work, and has become involved (but only after a certain amount of prodding) in the legal battle to stop Getty Oil from raping the Gros Ventre. But this outfit has also undercut the efforts of other conservationists by not recommending certain key roadless areas for Wilderness Designation. They've also, in a well-meaning but misguided attempt to enlist broad-based support, reached an agreement with the local Chamber of Commerce regarding mineral leasing on the Bridger-Teton National Forest. The Alliance-Chamber agreement also undercuts our efforts by recommending that leasing—and, therefore, oil exploration and development—be allowed in some of these same key roadless areas. As one might expect, the Forest Service loves the Alliance; their proposals are always moderate, and they even let agency officials attend their meetings. Whenever the Freddies wish to acknowledge environmentalist input on a project or a land use plan, they use the Alliance, thus creating the illusion that environmentalists are not much opposed to what the agency is doing. Consequently, these respectable citizens sometimes make wilderness/ecosystem protection very difficult.

Seven years ago, when I was the Wyoming Representative for Friends of the Earth, I thought that my friend Randall Gloege

(now an EF! contact in Montana) was going too far when he asserted that many conservationists were doing more harm than good. I naively believed that anyone who was in the "movement" was a positive force, however small. Not any more, amigos. On too many occasions, environmentalists are their own worst enemy.

I am an advocate of diversity. We need it in the ranks of Earth Defenders. We need diversity both in viewpoints and in tactics. It is important that we have groups like the Sierra Club taking less radical positions than Earth First! takes. We even need groups to work out agreements and to form coalitions (but only when common goals exist) with the bastions of this society; even with chambers of commerce and the like. HOWEVER, these outfits are doing us all a disservice—hell, they're sticking it to Mother Earth—by taking positions that are too moderate, too accommodating to the corporate turds that are hell-bent on ravaging the planet. Frankly, I'm getting tired of these compromisers pulling the rug out from under me. It is time that ALL activists realize that every time they "compromise," the opposition becomes that much stronger. Does Exxon propose a wilderness each time the Sierra Club recommends an area for non-wilderness? Does the Forest Service propose to create a wilderness recovery area each time they destroy a de-facto wilderness? Of course not. Com-



## THE GRIZZLY DEN

by Howie Wolke

promise is a two-way street. The environmental movement has never really compromised much. But we've sure given a lot away.

There's another angle here. I used to believe that the way to enlist people into the wilderness war was to make conservative proposals, so that people who didn't ordinarily consider themselves to be environmentalists would support our efforts and become involved in the battle. When I helped found Earth First! three years ago, I thought that it would be the "sacrificial lamb" of the environmental movement; we would make the Sierra Club look moderate by taking positions that most people would consider ridiculous. Wrong! Earth First! proposals and tactics make sense. They make sense not only to crazed wilderness fanatics like myself, but also to a wide variety of people who are not and have never been locked in to the narrow dogma of the straight environmental movement. I'm

talking cowboys, auto mechanics, musicians, construction workers, wilderness guides, bouncers, cooks, dishwashers, welfare bums, topless dancers, and white collar office workers. Rednecks and granola crunchers. I'm talking about individuals who care about what is happening to our planet.

Who cares if a Sierra Club lobbyist thinks we're crazy? Who gives a damn if a bureaucrat thinks we're unrealistic? In a world where it is possible that *Homo sapiens* will drive nearly half the species on this planet to extinction by early in the 21st century, the Earth First! whole ecosystem approach to land preservation is the ONLY approach that really makes sense. If we continue to do our job, Earth First! will become an effective grassroots movement during the remainder of the twentieth century, and beyond. Our radical ideas of today will be reality, tomorrow.

### EDITORIAL

#### THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The departure of Anne Gorsuch Burford and the other criminals at the Environmental Protection Agency is no cause for celebration. And the appointment of William Ruckelshaus to head EPA is the worst thing that could have happened.

Like Jim Watt, Gorsuch and the other corporate toadies at EPA have been merely carrying out Ronald Reagan's policies of corrupting environmental protection and catering to Big Business. Their problem was that they did it blatantly and that they had obnoxious public personalities (like Jim Watt). Because of this, they were easy to attack and were easy to thwart. The most dangerous of Reagan's appointments was not Gorsuch, was not Watt, but was John Crowell as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Crowell has quietly and effectively gone about his job of turning the National Forests over to Louisiana-Pacific and the other big timber outfits.

Bill Ruckelshaus, despite his Mr. Clean image, will continue to do Reagan's (and the polluters') bidding. But like Crowell, he will do it quietly and effectively. Reagan will probably soon replace Jim Watt with a Ruckelshaus clone (or maybe even with Ruckelshaus himself after he heroically and with great public fanfare "cleans up" EPA). The firing of Jim Watt would be a monumental tragedy from our standpoint and could seriously weaken the chances of tossing Reagan out on his ear in 1984.

Instead of cautiously praising the firing of Ice Queen Annie and the appointment of Weyerhaeuser executive Ruckelshaus, the big national conservation groups should be demanding criminal charges against Gorsuch and company, serious investigation of White House involvement in the EPA scandal and the impeachment of Ronald Reagan. We have gone after the cosmetic blemishes of the Reagan Administration for too long—the crooked teeth, the bad breath, the finger in the nose of Watt, Gorsuch, and Lavelle. Ronald Reagan, old silver screen idol that he is, is a master at cosmetics. Ruckelshaus is a face lift and nothing more. Despite the pancake makeup and hair dye the essential evil remains. It is Ronald Reagan.

Dear Earth First!,

I read about you in *Outside* magazine and then rushed out and got all the Abbey books.

I am a 60-year-old woman exiled in Connecticut. I've spent lots of, and the best parts of, my life in Colorado, before the Invasion. I share Mr. Abbey's reverence for the exquisite wilderness and its creatures, and so am filled with despair and fury when I visit relatives in Colorado. It is comforting, inspiring, and exciting to know that there are people out there who feel strongly enough to do what you can to protect the remains.

I find the Sierra Club and other such organizations to be helpful—clout in numbers—but frustrating to one who would, if younger and trained, be delighted to put out of commission everything from Mr. Watt to Tourist Accommodations.

—Cos Cob, CT

hello people—

after reading the story in *outside* magazine about you and your unique way of dealing with the insanity called progress, I knew I had to find out who the hell you guys are. I never did have much faith in the bourgeois organizations with their duties to save the environment, the animals, or the whales. Their efforts are commendable but the means just don't make it for me. I have long since decided to fight my own private battle against the sloth of development and indifference. I was involved with the now-defunct clamshell alliance in new Hampshire, but that was slowly swallowed up by the larger money making anti-nuclear organizations, no thank you.

well enough. is there hope in your crazy eyes? can there really be people out there who care and are choosing

### Toxic Waste - Pick your poison



to do something about it? have abbey's writings struck home for others too? let's hear it for the crack in glen canyon dam—so maybe you can send me some information. are you even taking new members? i want to help, i'd like to give this earth more than just 50-odd years of garbage and footprints.

i wait for your reply and though i am a vegetarian and don't even drink beer, the lunacy is there. how about it guys?

—any plans for hoover?

—Pinedale, CA

Dear Earth First!,

On a recent rip to Costa Rica, I wore my EF! t-shirt and ran into another EF! even down there!

—San Francisco

Dear Earth First!,

Please send the Johnny Sagebrush tape and songbook to our friend here in Grand Canyon. He always said Lake Powell was bad, but that as long as it was here, we might as well enjoy it. I asked him if he would say that if somebody turned his dog into hamburger.

—Grand Canyon, AZ

Dear EF!

Hurray for Ed Abbey and the rest of you! He's my favorite author, the monkey wrench is my favorite tool (well, almost!)—and being a dropout from the Gray Panthers, I'd like to find out what's going on with you guys.

—Wisconsin

Dear EF!

Despite the size of the Earth First! movement, I honestly believe I've seen its name in the headlines as much as the 300,000 member strong Sierra Club. Keep up the good work!

—Dodge City, KS

Ed. note: We continue to receive a flood of mail about Earth First! While we can't respond personally to all of you, we hope that this issue of Earth First! answers your questions. If you are interested in becoming active with EF! or getting involved with a local EF! cont'd. Page 9

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## EARTH FIRST! PROPOSES 5.7 MILLION ACRES OF WILDERNESS FOR WYOMING

### National Forest

Earth First! has proposed a 4.7 million acre national forest wilderness alternative for Wyoming. The EF! proposal, which has received widespread publicity within the state, was made public shortly after the Wyoming Congressional Delegation reintroduced their so-called "Wyoming Wilderness Act." This miserable bill would open 3½ million acres of wild country to the bulldozer and the chainsaw, while protecting only about 600,000 acres of mostly alpine (rock and ice) terrain. The Sierra Club and the Wyoming Wilderness Association have previously endorsed a mere 2.4 million acres for Wilderness designation (Alternative W), while the Forest Service, via the now-defunct RARE II process, had proposed a paltry 1.2 million acres of land for protection.

Howie Wolke, the EF! wilderness Coordinator for Wyoming said, "Our Congressional Delegation, led by the Senator from Big Oil, Malcolm Wallop, is attempting to facilitate one of the great corporate land grabs in U.S. history. We will fight for our land and our wildlife in Congress, in the courts, and if necessary, in the trees!"

The EF! proposal includes all national forest areas identified as roadless during the RARE II inventory. It also includes a number of roadless areas in which all existing developments would be phased out and obliterated (wilderness recovery areas). Most importantly, the EF! proposal's wilderness boundaries are based upon the ecological wholeness of each area, and not on the location of existing intrusions or administrative divisions.

Here are some examples:

- a 500,000 acre Gros Ventre Wilderness
- a combined Grayback-South Wyoming Range Wilderness of 375,000 acres
- a 165,000 acre Mt. Leidy Wilderness (this abused area would be a wilderness recovery area)
- a 225,000 acre expansion of Grand Teton National Park, to include the entire West Slope of the Tetons, currently part of the Targhee National Forest. The EF! Proposal would also close and rehabilitate the narrow forest road that separates the Tetons from the southwestern corner of Yellowstone National Park, thus creating a combined wilderness of nearly 800,000 acres.
- a 400,000 acre Cloud Peak Wilderness • a 60,000 acre Laramie Peak Wilderness
- a 200,000 acre Popo Agie Wilderness
- 150,000 acres of additions to the North Absaroka Wilderness
- 235,000 acres of additions to the Washakie Wilderness (not including the DuNoir)
- 265,000 acres of additions to the Bridger Wilderness
- And more, . . . . .

**H E L P:** The bill may have already passed the Senate at the time of this publication. ALL Earth First!ers should write their delegation, opposing the Wyoming Wilderness Act. This is especially important for Wyoming members, and for those in Ohio. Congressman John Sieberling (D-Ohio) is Chairman of the House subcommittee on Public Lands. He should hear from all of us.

### NATIONAL FOREST WILDERNESS PROPOSAL FOR WYOMING (acres):

West Slope Tetons: 218,000\*  
Palisades: 275,000\*\*  
Corridor: 28,000

Togwotee: 25,000  
Gros Ventre: 500,000  
Mt. Leidy: 160,000  
Bridger Wilderness Additions: 265,000  
Grayback-Wyoming Range: 375,000  
Salt River Range: 290,000  
Commissary Ridge: 200,000  
Gannett-Spring Creek: 66,000\*\*\*  
Popo Agie: 200,000  
Fitzpatrick Wilderness Additions: 38,000  
Little Popo Agie: 25,000  
Deep Lake: 140,000\*\*\*\*  
Wyoming High Lakes: 40,000  
North Absaroka Wilderness Additions: 150,000  
DuNoir: 75,000  
Washakie Wilderness Additions (excluding DuNoir): 235,000  
Munger Mountain: 12,900  
Cloud Peak: 400,000  
Little Bighorn: 200,000  
Horse Creek Mesa: 105,000  
Walker Prairie: 65,000  
Bighorn South: 50,000  
Grommund Creek: 28,000  
Laramie Peak: 60,000  
Houston Park: 85,000  
Encampment River: 35,000  
Savage Run-Platte River: 90,000  
Greater Snowy Range: 135,000  
Sand Creek: 50,000  
Nugent Park West: 7,640  
Ham's Fork Ridge: 13,950  
Sibley Lake: 12,290  
Labonte Canyon: 24,000  
Deer Creek-Buffalo Peak: 38,000  
North Sierra Madre: 85,000  
Sandstone: 15,000  
Bear Mountain: 13,430  
Libby Flats: 16,440  
Sheep Mountain: 23,000  
East Medicine Bow (3 units): 23,000  
Bruce Mountain: 5,630

\*out of a 225,000 acre proposed addition to Grand Teton National Park

\*\*130,000 acres in Wyoming, 145,000 acres in Idaho

\*46,000 acres in Wyoming, 20,000 acres in Idaho

\*\*\*\*115,000 acres in Wyoming, 25,000 acres in Montana

### Red Desert

Earth First! has proposed a 975,000 acre **Red Desert Natural Area** in southwestern Wyoming. The proposed unit would include a number of existing dirt roads, mineral developments, and ORV areas, all of which would be reclaimed, revegetated, and allowed to revert to a natural, undisturbed condition. EF! also advocates the reintroduction of bison, wolves, and all other extirpated native species, into the unit. The entire area would be withdrawn from mineral entry, and no new road construction, under any circumstances, would be allowed.

The Red Desert is a wonderland of shifting sand dunes underlain by perennial snow and ice, spectacular escarpments, rolling oceans of sagebrush and grass, true saltbush desert, critical nesting sites for a wide variety of raptors, the largest herd of Pronghorn "antelope" in the world, and one of the few remaining "lowland" (the desert is in the shadow of the Wind River Range, at an elevation of 6,000 to 8,000 feet) elk herds in the western U.S. This incredibly rich and diverse area is under intense pressure from oil, gas, uranium, and off-road vehicle interests. Most conservationists realize that unless some kind of protective action is taken in the near future, it will be too late for the Red Desert.

At a recent BLM hearing in Rock Springs, several conservation groups, including the Sierra Club, sold out the Red Desert by recommending Wilderness for only four tiny areas. However, as Howie Wolke

## CLEARCUTS OF OREGON

by RR

The least of my wishes is that my fossilized corpse will be recovered and studied by some supposedly superior life form which regards knowledge as a tool for the exploitation of lesser life forms. The greatest of my wishes is that my physical and spiritual essence will linger upon the Earth to enrich life in its ecologically simplest form. The most desirable locale into which my flesh could melt is the rich virgin forest of western Oregon.

But Oregon stands like a defiled virgin within the tortured ravages of the 1980s. The womb of the West is coveted by thieving vandals of the timber industry who will not rest until the total liquidation of Oregon's Old Growth forests is accomplished.

I have been accused by some of my more moderate environmental colleagues of being overly emotional. "Why don't you cut the bleeding heart shit and start talking economics?" That's typical of the comments I receive. Well, if the prospect of losing the last frayed remnants of Oregon's Old Growth Forests is not enough excuse to be emotional, then there is no excuse, and we can all revert to the 20th century robotics mentality commonly exhibited by corporate economists. But I don't think I could ever put on the guise of the "reasonable" timber industry executive, whose heart beats to the mechanical rhythms of Earth gouging machines, and whose heartless ignorance is measured in board feet. (MMBF.) He can afford to be cool. All he has to lose is what's left of the cheap public timber.

No, my friends, I will not be reasonable. Twenty years of being reasonable has gotten the Oregon Conservationists virtually nowhere. Oregon's 1.3 million acres of combined wilderness and national parks puts us next to last of all the states in the West in the amount of land preserved in its natural condition. And damn little of what's protected is actually forested. One of the invisible doomsday of natural resource consumption evidently decided that Oregon was going to be America's timber basket, and so far those plans are succeeding. Ninety-five percent of the timber growing potential of the state of Oregon is in the greedy hands of the timber industry. One percent is designated wilderness. But industry wants that last 4%, which is unprotected wilderness; literally a federal subsidy of inexpensive old growth timber from what's left of Oregon's wild public lands.

It is quite obvious that the Timber Industry is trying to

stated in his hearing testimony: "Earth First! believes the BLM Wilderness Review to be an illegitimate and immoral process, guaranteed by its very nature to assure the continued destruction of America's vast public domain. Earth First! will not accept a couple of tiny wilderness units. . . surrounded by a sea of devastation. These roadless areas are valuable only as a part of the Red Desert as an ecological unit."

Wolke pointed out that of over 17 million acres of BLM lands in Wyoming, only 582,000 acres are even being considered for Wilderness by the BLM.

**H E L P:** Write the BLM (Rock Springs District, Box 1869, Rock Springs, WY 82901) in support of the EF! proposal. Wyoming subscribers should also write governor Ed Herschler.

encourage the philosophy that the only purpose of public interests is to feed them to sawmills. And the Forest Service makes a heavy stroke toward that cause. An average of 8.5 billion board feet of timber is cut from Oregon's forests yearly. Roughly 30% of all the timber cut on public lands in America is cut in Oregon.

The spectacular Fir-Hemlock-Cedar Forests of the Blue River Country are gone forever. The McKenzie, Santiam, Clackamas, and Umpqua River systems flow on borrowed ground, haying mostly tree farms for a back-drop. Only four small patches of uncut forest (the largest being 12,000 acres) exist in the entire Coast Range, where awesome Rain Forests once dominated the landscape. The pine forests of eastern Oregon are being mined at an alarmingly accelerated pace, with the emphasis on proposed wilderness. The Forest Service is intensifying its assault on Oregon's primitive forests. Of the 32 areas proposed for wilderness designation in a House bill introduced by Oregon Congressmen, 24 have timber sales planned within their boundaries. Many contain sales which have already been sold, and could be cut at any time.

This wilderness legislation, which would designate 1.1 million acres of new wilderness in Oregon, has passed the House. Although obviously severely lacking, the bill does contain some forests, including the Middle Santiam, literally the last significant remnant of the uncut western Cascade Douglas Fir Forest.

But the bill will eventually encounter the proverbial chainsaw in the Senate, where Senator Hatfield, ever ready to legislate the whims of the Timber Industry, will undoubtedly axe out the more heavily timbered areas.

Needless to say, the wild forests of Oregon are in danger of being totally liquidated. Actually, even if all of Oregon's remaining primitive forests were protected, all that would remain would be mere token patches of old growth amidst a barren sea of clearcuts. That is the complexion of our land here, but such as it is, we will fight for it.

I used to ask myself which is philosophically correct: To dismantle the forests borne of nature's timeless labour with the fulcrum of technological prowess to further a frail system of brief economic survival, or to seek to let some trees (albeit the last wild trees) stand, not only as a furtherance of biological striving for survival, but out of respect for the consequences or designs which conceived the world. I don't believe I have to apologize for my conclusion (ecological conscience evolves of itself), nor do any of us need to apologize for using whatever means is necessary to achieve what is both philosophically and ecologically correct. Such deeds are borne of the Earth itself.

It is all too clear that the legislative avenues to achieve protection of Oregon's last stands of virgin forest are proving futile, and major conservation organizations are for some reason frightened of filing a RARE II lawsuit. There is nothing left but to make a final desperate stand to save what is left of a wild Oregon from the brazen chainsaws of the greedy timber mongers. That time will come soon, when the political wheels have chewed up all the alternatives. I am hopeful that all of my EF! brothers and sisters will heed the call when it comes, as it surely will, to come to Oregon and defend these embattled forests. Bring your emotions with you.

## ESCALANTE

Believe it or not, Earth First! has finally arrived in Escalante, Utah (really Boulder, Utah). No matter, it's close enough. Next thing you know Earth First! will be in Hanksville! Actually, we are a hearty band of six, living in the middle of the largest roadless area in the continental U.S. The wilderness here is inspiring which unfortunately is not the case with the long-time residents. Ken Sleight's jeep was pushed off a cliff. Robert Redford was burned in effigy.

The BLM has been doing their dirty work well, too. Three of the four Instant Study Areas in the state of Utah surround us, but most locals are not impressed. In response to the attitude of the county commissioners among others, the BLM has reduced the size of the North Escalante Canyon I.S.A. by 60,000 acres, or over 50%. The Cedar City District, led by Morgan Jensen, had a 33% wilderness recommendation, with the Kanab Resource Area at about 10%. We were fortunate to have Congressman Seiberling here his winter to view this BLM nightmare.

Mr. Jensen showed all his colors.

In the eastern portion of the Escalante Canyon lies Horse Canyon, Little Death Hollow, and Wolverine Canyon Petrified Wood Area—30,000 acres dropped from the wilderness review by BLM for uranium claims. Some of these claims are under the name "Mindless Marxist Ecologists for Russia," which is a synonym for Schauss Exploration, the same company involved in the Henry Mountain director's exception referred to in Clive Kincaid's article on the BLM. By the way, the Schauss' are out of business for a while since they were closed down by the BLM for turning over Anasazi ruins with a backhoe. This was after the feds had failed to shut them down for such minor offenses as non-compliance with reclamation laws, illegal drilling in a W.S.A., and illegal drilling in Capitol Reef National Park. Next to this 30,000 acres of dropped wilderness is Cott Mesa, a 20,000 acre area dropped by the BLM in the Intensive Inventory. Adjacent to both these areas lies the Waterpocket Fold of Capitol Reef N.P. and the Purple Hills of Glen Canyon N.R.A. This area is the only area in the N.R.A.'s Escalante Canyons dropped by the N.P.S. from wilderness consideration because of "resource conflicts." Here the battle of the Escalante Canyons is beginning. The Purple Hills are being invaded by Viking Oil with leases at the foot of Deer Point which has on one side, the most magnificent view of the Henrys and Grand Gulch I've seen and, on the other side, views into the Moody Canyons, tributaries of the Escalante. Up to 15 new miles of road are to be built including a crossing of Middle Moody Canyon. Bighorn sheep, recently planted in East Moody Canyon by the state, are in the area. Viking says that if they are successful here they will go to court if necessary to drill on pre-Capitol Reef N.P. leases in the Waterpocket Fold and devise a way to bring the oil through the Fold into Grand Gulch.

Abbey has said that if you want to see a little of what Glen Canyon looked like, go to the Escalante. Desert rats unite! Come to the Escalante this spring and help save it.

Robert Weed  
Calf Creek  
Escalante Canyons

# CANYON LANDS NUKE DUMP

Latest round of DOE activity leaves Utah's Canyonlands National Park with a two-out-of-three probability of having a \$60 million exploratory shaft sunk at an as of yet unspecified date; and leaves the spectre of the nation's first high level nuke waste dump being sited within a mile and a half of the official Park boundaries; and well within what the real boundaries of the park should be.

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-Harold Gaither, 638 E. 2nd S. Moab, UT 84532 (801) 259-7235

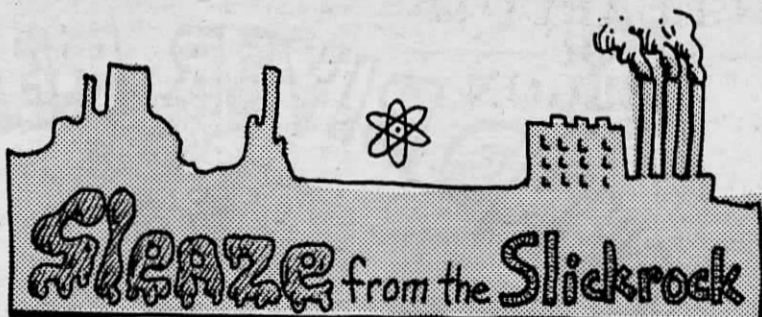
The other two salt beds under consideration are in Texas and Mississippi, where the respective governors have told the DOE to get out of their states. Utah's Governor Scott Matheson, while incurring the wrath of economically depressed southeastern Utah residents by insisting the DOE follow procedures and complete EIS data, has not been vocal enough in his opposition to the dump, and it becomes increasingly clear that the DOE, under enormous pressure from Ronald McDonald would prefer to listen to the rantings of a vocal minority of brain damaged yahoo bean farmers and uranium miner residents of southeastern Utah who are willing to say and do anything to get the nuke dump sited there at any cost. They have no regard for the overwhelming majority of people in the rest of Utah and the country who adamantly oppose the nuke dump, and they have absolutely no respect for their unique natural surroundings, which in the future promise a lot more in the way of tourist dollars than the scenic attraction of a nuke dump nestled between two national parks.

This inexplicable attitude is best summed up in the words of one Moab resident, Harold Gaither. It's best to let him speak in his own words; as taken from a recent public hearing on the nuke dump and from a conversation with DOE officials:

Gaither charged that Governor Matheson was actively working with environmental groups opposing the dump, and that if they weren't communists they'd do until some came along. Gaither further stated that Canyonlands National Park has become "an economic millstone" around the necks of southeastern Utah residents since the park's beginning.

"Because it sits there bloated and useless, attracting these environmentalists like a stinking carcass attracts blowflies."

"To say we're fed up is to put it mildly. So here's a promise, or a threat, however, they wish to take it. If we lose the repository because of Canyonlands National Park, there is going to be a campaign to get rid of the park. I own Main Street property, and I envision a large sign that says, 'Cut Canyonlands Dump to Size,' or 'Canyonlands Must Go,' or how about 'The River Is An Open Sewer—Travel At Your Own Risk.' These will make good



A regular feature to keep you informed on events and threats to the canyonlands country of the Colorado Plateau in general, and southeastern Utah specifically. Future versions will include reports from southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico, the Arizona strip and southwestern Utah. This four corners area contains six national parks: Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef, Arches and Canyonlands, over a dozen national monuments, hordes of state monuments, wilderness study areas, historical sites, national recreation areas in an officially designated sense; and in a real sense contains some of the most rugged, unpopulated wild regions left in the U.S. This area contains the last named mountain range and river in the continental United States, and until World War II contained the largest roadless area in the lower 48 states. Because of its remoteness and rugged terrain, in the

past it has largely been left alone since Father Escalante's time, but since the 70s it has been the target of every corporate greedhead in the known universe, whether it's exploiting it for uranium, coal, oil, gas, tar sands, nuke garbage dumps, overgrazing, or just for recreational fun like target practice on Anasazi pictographs/petroglyphs or general pothunting and graverobbing by area residents; or in recent years, anything that will incur the environmentalists' wrath. The town of Escalante, Utah, was notorious for throwing rocks through windshields of cars passing through town with "wrong" bumper stickers and some folks in Moab these days, in order to make a buck seem inclined to store plutonium in their garage or spare bedroom.

*Greedheads beware! The Monkeywrench Gang is watching you!*

captain nemo

"If we lose the repository because of Canyonlands NP, there is going to be a campaign to get rid of the park."  
-Harold Gaither

bumperstickers. We don't wish to do this. We had (sic) much rather to live and let live. There's room for everybody. But the message is 'Get off our case or we're going to crawl on yours.'

I've saved the best for last. While most of the foregoing was widely reported on television and

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-Harold Gaither

in newspapers, one of Mr. Gaither's comments wasn't, and since it's one of his best, it follows. "...Not to worry about demonstrators because they would be taken care of..." as told to a DOE official.

The Earth First! position is simple. We will not allow a nuke dump to be sited at Gibson Dome at Canyonlands National Park under any circumstances. On one thing EF! and Harold Gaither agree, there is no reason to continue spending millions of dollars on tests and feasibility studies to determine whether to site a nuke dump at Canyonlands, period. When the DOE goes in for that new test hole is the time to mount our blockade; not in 1987 when final approval for the site will be given. As soon as we get word that the DOE is going in, we'll send the SWAAT team down to stop them. If you want to be notified when the blockade is, please sign up for the Canyonlands Nuke Dump SWAAT Team. Send name, address and phone number to POB 26221, SLC, Utah 84126. You're also encouraged to make your feelings known to the following:  
Harold Gaither, 638 E 2nd So. Moab, UT 84532 (801) 259-7531  
Samuel Taylor, Publisher  
The Moab Times-Independent  
35 E Center, Moab, UT (801) 259-7525

Arches National Park, Superintendent, N Highway 191, Moab, UT 84532

Grand County Travel Council  
805 N Main, Moab, UT 84532 (801) 259-7531

Governor Scott Matheson 603 E South Temple, SLC, UT 84102  
DOE 438 E 200 S, SLC, UT 84111

Senator Orrin Hatch 125 S State, SLC, UT 84138

Senator Jake Garn 125 S State SLC, UT 84138

Congressman James Hansen 324 25 St., Ogden, UT 84401

Congressman Dan Marriott 125 S. State, SLC, UT 84138

Congressman Howard Nielson 125 S. State, SLC, UT 84138

*Correction to Spars Jackson's Books to be Read Before Burning column last issue. Due to the loss of memory cells beyond the author's control he erroneously implied that Don Marquis was the creator of Krazy Kat. Actually, George Herriman was the brilliant genius who created, wrote and drew Krazy Kat; in addition to being the brilliant illustrator for all of Don Marquis' novels about Archy & Mehitabel, Love Sonnets of a Careman, The Revolt of the Oyster and others. P.S. Archy is a cockroach and Mehitabel a morally careless cat.*

## ARCHES GAS PIPELINE

Running just south of the Devil's Garden campground, across Salt Valley and on to Highway 163, there is a natural gas pipeline that splits Arches National Park neatly in half. Northwest Energy managed to install the eight miles of the buried line back in the post-war days, when Arches was a much smaller national monument that hardly anyone had heard of, let alone visited. The scars from the road bulldozed through to install the line are still visible today, though they're slowly blending into the natural surroundings, and thanks to whoever removed several hundred sandbags installed to maintain the roadbed, the natural drainages have been opened up and once again nature is taking her course, rendering the roads impassable to vehicles.

Nowadays all pipelines, transmission lines, etc. are required to use the "energy corridor" running along the Interstate 70 route from Grand Junction, Colo. to Green River, Utah. However, Northwest Energy officials plan to start pumping new high pressure gas through the old Arches pipeline; and because the old pipe is corroding and falling apart they're worried about it blowing up. Park officials have consistently told NWE to reroute a new line through the energy corridor,

but they're reluctant to do so because of the costs involved.

Instead, if the Park Service won't cooperate with them in allowing them to come in and rip up eight miles of the park, Northwest is threatening to install new pipe up to the boundaries of the park on both sides, pump the new high pressure gas through and see what happens. This could be very unnerving if you were backpacking in the vicinity and trying to light your stove to cook dinner. The resulting explosion would give NWE all the excuse they needed to come in and replace the old pipe like they wanted to in the first place. It should be noted that the old pipeline is already unsafe for the old low pressure gas and numerous helicopter crews have been spotted along the pipeline repairing leaks already. This route should be abandoned, and Northwest Energy forced to install a new pipeline further north along the energy corridor. There has been no publicity of any kind about this project and I would heartily recommend that you make your views known to Northwest Energy and Arches National Park. Call or write the following:

Northwest Energy Company,  
315 E. 2nd So., SLC, UT 84111  
(801) 583-8800, NW Pipeline Div.

## MAZE TAR SANDS THREATENED

Gulf Oil, Santa Fe Energy Co., and Altex Oil, Denver, along with Hunts Services and Colter Corp. plan to develop their leases on 66,000 acres of tar sands land, located within 15 miles from the confluence of the Green and Colorado rivers and less than three miles from the official borders of Canyonlands N.P. Almost all of the proposed development lies within either the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area or the French Springs-Happy Canyon Wilderness Study Area and would be clearly visible from the Maze district of Canyonlands National Park. Par Service officials have gone on record as being opposed to the development as adversely affecting Canyonlands N.P.

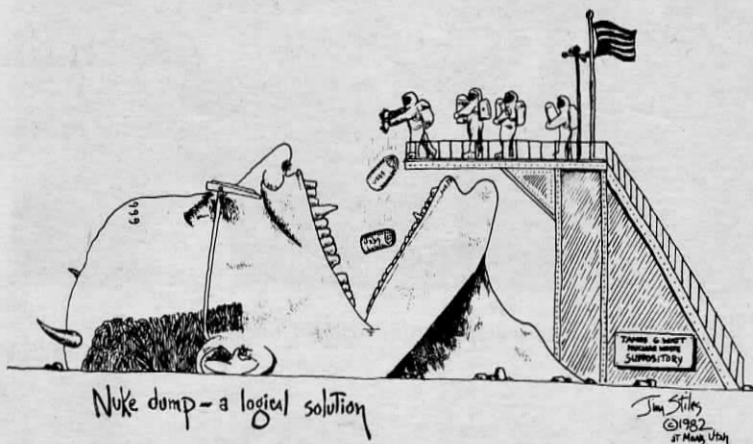
These corporate greedheads plan on drilling 17 exploratory wells to "define the resource," while at the same time admitting that "in today's market, tar sands are not economical without government subsidies and in 10 years there's a good chance it still won't be attractive," states Larry Killian, spokesman for Santa Fe

Energy Co. The main reason for the current developmental plans is apparently a law sponsored by Rep. Dan Marriott (R-Utah) that sets a 10-year deadline for the companies to develop or lose the tar sands areas. The Sierra Club is going along with this bullshit malarkey by supporting the energy companies' desires for a 20 or 30 year extension on their leases in exchange for no development now. Typical Sierra Club band-aid approach that brought us Glen Canyon Dam instead of Echo Park Dam.

Three wells have been drilled in the past two years, not without harassment and eco-tage by unknown environmentalists, opposed to any development in this pristine redrock wilderness. Energy Co. officials were quoted at a recent heated public hearing on the tar sands development in Hanksville as saying, "No wonder all of our big oil companies are drilling in foreign countries, where there are no Sierra Clubs, Friends of the Earth, EPA, air quality controllers, and they can get down to drilling instead of filing reports." They haven't heard from Earth First! yet! Information as to time-tables and locations of drilling sites will be published as available. In the meanwhile, public comment can be sent to: Joel Pickelner National Park Service 125 So State Rm 3418, SLC, UT 84138. Also write the greedheads themselves: Santa Fe Energy Company 1616 S. Voss, Houston, TX 77057 (713) 783-2401 and Altex Oil Corp., 1667 17th St., 534-2667.

## NEXT MONTH

★ Blockade News  
★ Round River Rendezvous  
(Maybe!)



# NO G-O ROAD ARREST

Funny, but we don't know of one newspaper, radio or television station that told how Summer Wilson was arrested after the Jan. 28 No G.O. Road demonstration in San Francisco for walking up the stairs in a public building.

That particular building housed the Forest Service Regional Office, the backdrop for the demonstration—after which several Earth Firsters decided to go upstairs to visit the Forest Service Public Office. They soon discovered that the building was under tight security, and persons who looked like Earth Firsters (what do we look like, anyway?) were only allowed to go up the elevator two at a time. The rest of the "Earth-Firstler-Types" had to wait until those two returned before two more could go up.

But Summer found the stairs. Although warned not to, Summer went up the stairs. While on the fifth floor, after coming out of the Forest Service Public Office, she was stopped by several officers and three Forest Service Special Agents, the plain-clothes-suit-and-tie variety, and arrested. She was grabbed by the arm, pushed into a remote conference room and handcuffed to a chair. She was detained there for about 30 minutes and cited for "Failure to Comply with Admissions Policy," "Failure to Obey an Officer," and "Loitering on the Floor and Stairwell," and fined \$60.

This kind of harassment is meant to threaten and intimidate us. Actions like Summer's, which nonviolently challenge assumed right and authority when we believe it to be wrong, are what Earth First! is all about.

This time the powers-that-be denied our right to walk freely within a public building because our convictions frighten them. This is fundamentally the same

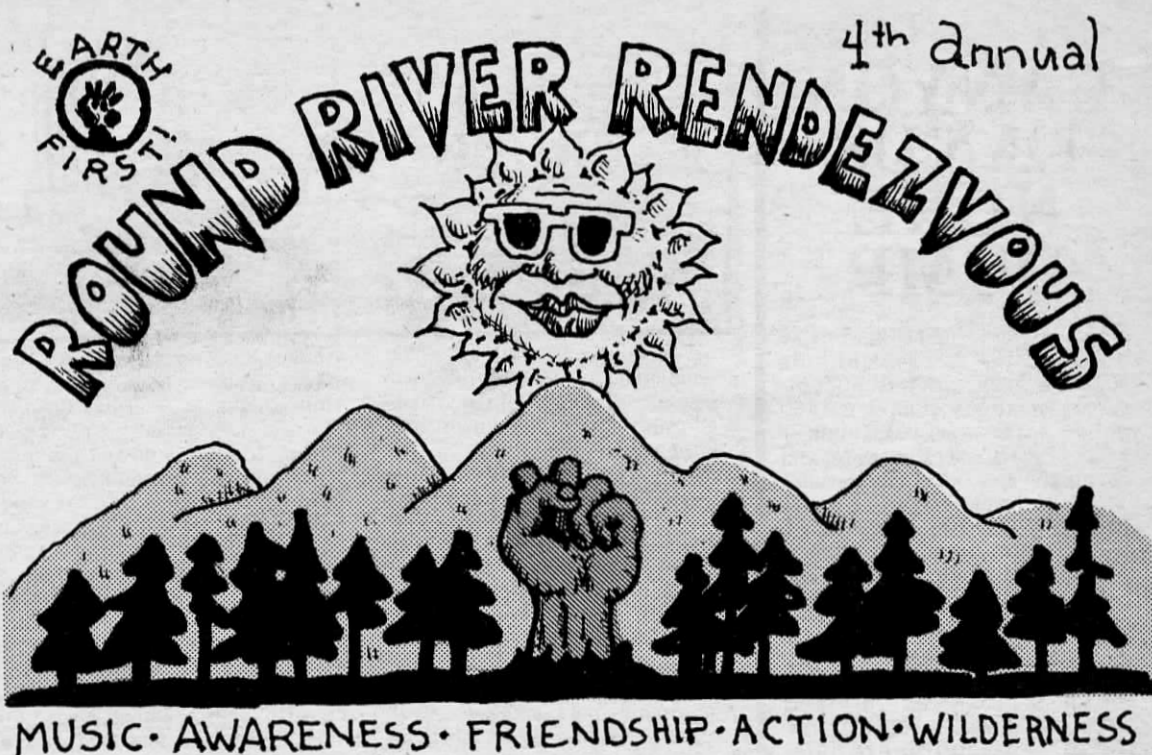
as denying our right to anticipate with confidence a future filled with wild, clean, and sacred places; or arresting us for standing in front of bulldozers in our efforts to assure this future. It could have been any of us, and it will be many of us.

Summer has been trying to find a lawyer to represent her in court. As of this writing, she has spoken to nearly 20 lawyers, all of whom felt she had a good case but wanted either an enormous sum of money, felt they couldn't help, or referred her to someone else. The Berkeley ACLU was the most helpful but her case is out of their jurisdiction. The appropriate ACLU office in San Francisco told her they couldn't take the case but would not specify why.

Summer needs our support. Like many of us she is a long-time, passionate environmentalist, who felt a welcomed kinship with the uncompromising directness which is the spirit of Earth First!. She is the delivery person and president of a non-profit collective bakery in Berkeley. This was her first involvement with Earth First!. At this time, Summer has not yet appeared in court. It is unclear if she will need financial support to pay fines, legal fees, and time lost from work. In any case, she needs our moral support. And we need to give our support as much, if not more, for our own sakes as for Summer's. We need to give our support to build our cohesiveness, care, and our confidence that if and when we take the risk of disrupting our personal lives for the cause we most dearly believe in, others will be there for us.

Write Summer Wilson, c/o Tim Jeffries, at 22 Claus Circle, Fairfax, CA 94930.

—Marija Eloheimo



**JULY 2-4 KALMIOPSIS WILDERNESS**  
**"The Preservation of Intact Forest Ecosystems"**  
**DETAILS IN JUNE 21 EF!**



## Save Bigfoot and the Big Woods What You Can Do

Earth First! has taken on the preservation of intact forest eco-systems on the Pacific Coast as a major issue. The Kalmiopsis and Siskiyou blockades are key elements of this. Help is needed from across the United States to protect our priceless birthright of the big woods and their right to exist as intact eco-systems. If Bigfoot (*Gigantopithecus siskiyou*) exists, it is in the wild forests of Silver Creek and Blue Creek. The home of our closest relative must be left inviolate.

### You Can Help This Critical Action

- **Take Part in the Blockades.** The direct action to stop the Bald Mountain and NO G-O Roads is being coordinated as one action. It will be a long term project, lasting several months. You can participate at any time, for any length of time.
- **Help With Support of the Blockade.** Organize a group for four to 12 people in your area to travel to the blockade together and take part in the action. Local Earth First! contacts should take a lead in organizing affinity groups in their area and picking dates to help with the blockade. Nonviolent training will be done at the base camp.
- **Publicize the Action.** Get copies of this *EF!*, fact sheets, etc., and promote the blockade in your area. Set up a table on campus. Arrange to show the slide shows on the Kalmiopsis and Siskiyou. Arrange for Dave Foreman or another speaker to come to your area. Set up radio interviews.
- **Come to the Round River Rendezvous.** The RRR will be held the July 2-4 weekend and will focus on old growth forest.
- **Write Letters.** Write your Senators and members of Congress (U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510; House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515) and express your concern for old growth forest. Urge them to support inclusion of the 235,000-acre Kalmiopsis additions in the Oregon Wilderness Bill and a unified Siskiyou Wilderness including Blue Creek and Dillon Creek in the California Wilderness Bill. Firmly state your opposition to the Bald Mountain Road in Oregon and G-O Road in California. Send copies of your letters to Senators Mark Hatfield, Bob Packwood, Alan Cranston, and Pete Wilson, and to Representatives Jim Weaver and Phil Burton.
- **For Up-To-Date Information:** Contact your local Earth First! contact or call:

KALMIOPSIS HOTLINE 503-474-0259 in EUGENE, OR  
 NO G-O HOTLINE 707-822-6055 in ARCATA, CA  
 OR Earth First! in Ely, Nevada 702-289-8636.

• **Blockade Handbook.** A *Blockade Handbook* for both actions has been prepared. It contains information on the issues, the areas, nonviolent action, etc. Be sure to have one. Order for \$2 from EF! POB 235, Ely, NV 89301 or blockade organizers locally.



NO G-O Road Demonstration at Six Rivers National Forest Headquarters in Eureka, California.

—photo by Tim McKay

# KALMIOPSIS/BALD MOUNTAIN BACKGROUND

by Chant Thomas

Bald Mtn. has become the focus and symbol of the continuing battle to save the intact old growth forest ecosystems of the Pacific N.W.. The Illinois River flows through one of the wildest and most inaccessible canyons in the N.W. as it makes a 20-mile detour around Bald Mtn. before turning north toward the Rogue River. The present official Kalmiopsis Wilderness boundary runs along the crest of Bald Mtn. To the south brushy slopes drop into the protected area; to the north lushly forested slopes drop off into the unprotected North Kalmiopsis country, over 160,000 acres of wilderness in jeopardy, the largest unprotected wildland on the West Coast.

This North Kalmiopsis needs wilderness protection. It is home to bear and cougar, wolf and wolverine, eagle and osprey, rare trees and flowers. Here are the clearest, coldest tributaries of the Illinois River, essential habitat and spawning grounds of the salmon and steelhead which make the lower Illinois and Rogue rivers a mecca for anglers. The canyons of Silver and Indigo creeks may be the wildest in Oregon. The North Kalmiopsis has an extensive trail system, the best being the 30-mile long Illinois River Trail. Nearly half of the trail is actually on Bald Mtn., as the river canyon is too steep to accommodate a trail. It is along the Illinois River Trail on Bald Mtn. that the Siskiyou N.F. is building the Bald Mtn. Road. The road construction hasn't reached the trail yet, and blockading the construction is the last resort to saving Bald Mtn. and the North Kalmiopsis from destruction. If Bald Mtn. Road is built, other roads on the drawing boards will soon become reality and the North Kalmiopsis will be severed from the rest of the wilderness and plundered of its forest jewels.

The history of this area reads like a litany of "last resorts." In 1936 U.S.F.S. Recreation Director Robert Marshall recommended a Kalmiopsis Wilderness of over one million acres. In 1946 the F.S. designated a 77,000-acre "Wild Area" primarily as a botanical preserve. A 96,530-acre "Illinois Canyon Limited Area" was also established to allow further study of the area. There was still nearly a million wild acres in 1960 when the I.C.L.A. was dropped; four years later the 77,000-acre "Wild Area" became an official wilderness.

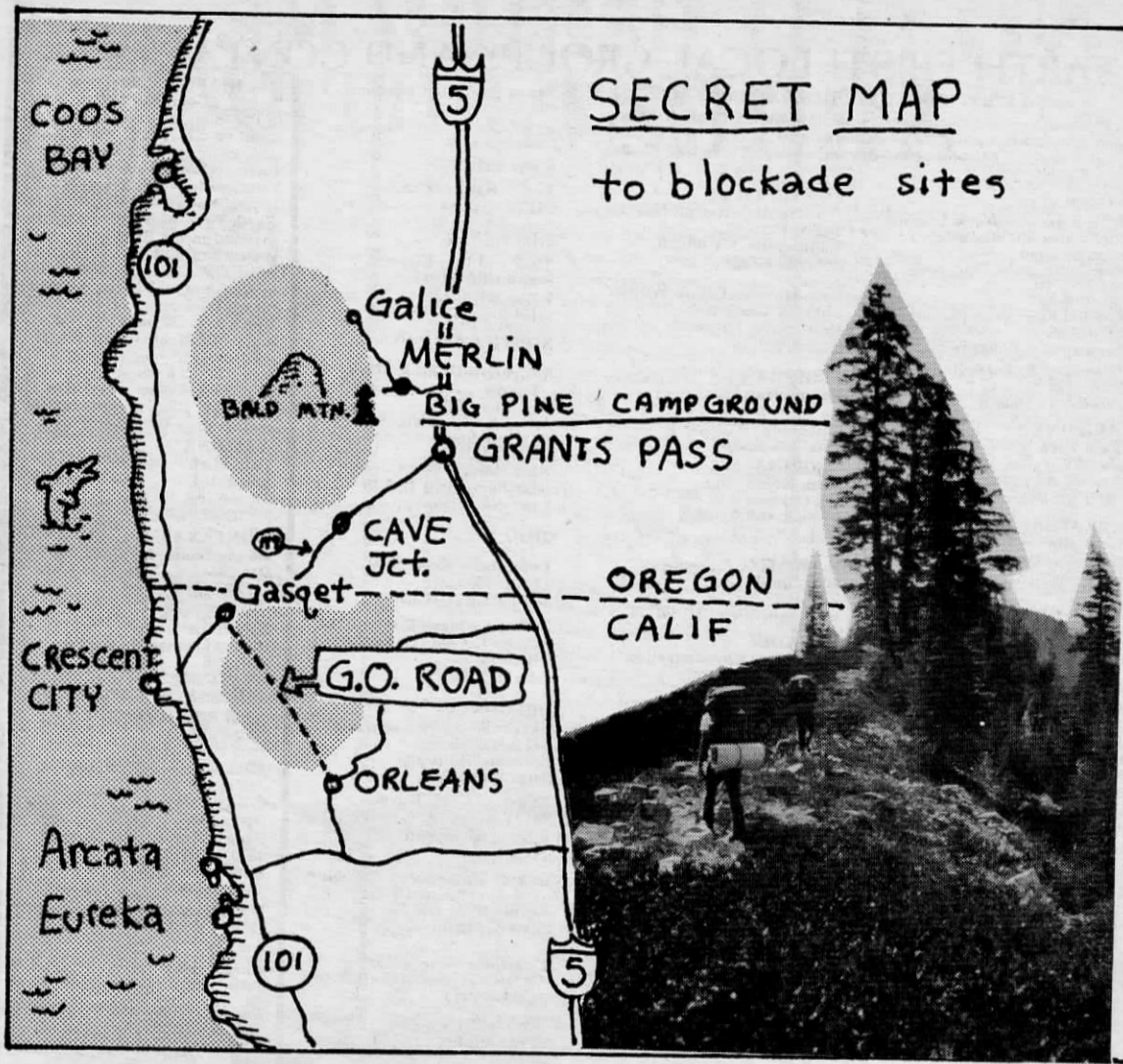
Then the race was on. Major logging roads were thrust into the unofficial wilderness on all sides. The wild canyon of the Rogue River to the north was effectively severed. It was about this time that the F.S. began to examine the feasibility of building a road on Bald Mtn., and soon concerned citizens began to question the idea.

In 1978 Kalmiopsis supporters thought they had a victory as Sen. Hatfield proposed a 134,000-acre wilderness addition. Pressure from the timber industry soon shrunk that figure to 86,000 acres, and by 1979 Hatfield's Oregon Wilderness Act left out any additions to the Kalmiopsis at all. Bald Mtn. would be protected wilderness right now but for the timber industries' gasp on Sen. Hatfield.

After over 10 years of effort by several environmental groups to save Bald Mtn., the U.S.F.S. finalized the Bald Mtn. timber-sale, the first step to sever the

North Kalmiopsis and forever put to rest the possibility of northern expansion of wilderness protection. The local Sierra Club protested the sale and lost. They tried a court injunction and lost again. Some Sierra Club members feel that they received very little club support at the state and national levels on such an important issue.

Meanwhile, most of the groups and individuals involved in the crusade resigned themselves to defeat and planned extra backpacking trips into the area to enjoy what they considered to be the last years of paradise before the industrial invasion. What they didn't realize was that there were still some wild-eyed Earth Firsters in the woods and some dedicated employees of the Siskiyou N.F. who wouldn't give up the fight to save Bald Mtn. We've been fanning those sparks and things are beginning to heat up and smoke a little. We won't stop until the fire of protest is burning brightly and the lackeys of industry have crawled back into their cubicles to contrive the miracle it will take to reforest the brush-field clearcuts they've already created where wilderness used to be.

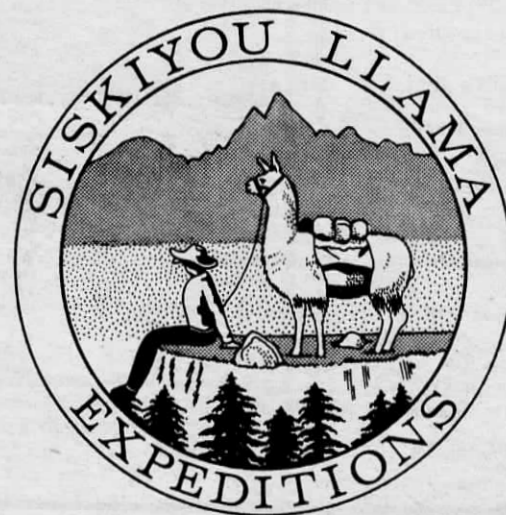
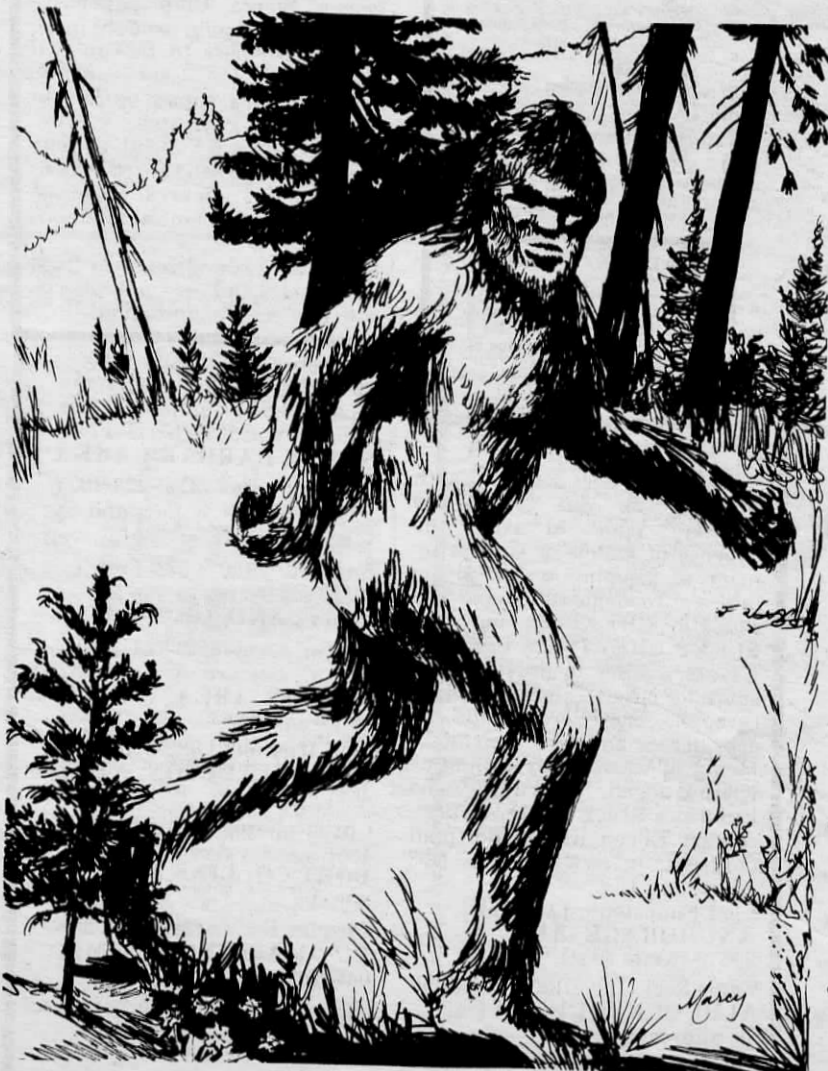


Upcoming Timber Sales in Kalmiopsis (From T.S. Map F.Y. 82-85)

| North to South |       |              |                                                     |               |                |
|----------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| YR             | T.S.# | Name         | Drainage                                            | MBF           | Mi. Road Cont. |
| 1983           | 3305  | S. Indigo    | Indigo CK                                           | 12.0 (All CC) | 8.0            |
| 1983           | 3306  | Nancy        | N.F.K. Indigo CK                                    | 5.0 (All CC)  | 5.3            |
| 1985           | 5308  | WDIGO        | N.F.K. Indigo Ck.                                   | 14.8 (All CC) | 12.8           |
| 1984           | 4204  | Snail Basin  | W. Fk. Indigo Ck.                                   | 7.0 (All CC)  | 3.0            |
| 1984           | 4201  | Hobson       | E. Fk. Indigo Ck.                                   | 8.0           | 1.5            |
| 1983           | 3307  | Jolly Lawson | Lawson Ck.                                          | 10.0 (All CC) | 7.0            |
| 1985           | 5301  | Sign         | (Horse Sign Ck. (W. of Ill. Riv., E. of Lawson Ck.) | 8.4 (All CC)  | 5.0            |
| 1982           | 2202  | Cinnamon Hat | Silver Ck.                                          | 6.0           | 4.5            |

|      |      |              |                                               |              |     |
|------|------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|-----|
| 1983 | 3106 | Blue Slide   | Chetco River                                  | 4.7 (All CC) |     |
| 1985 | 5105 | Finn         | S. Fk. Chetco                                 | 2.5 (All CC) | 1.5 |
| 1985 | 5101 | Red Boulder  | Boulder Ck. (Chetco Riv.)                     | 5.7 (All CC) | 2.8 |
| 1985 | 5403 | Whetstone    | Illinois River                                | 6.0          | 2.0 |
| 1982 | 2404 | Hungry       | Josephine Ck. (Illinois River) near Baby Foot |              |     |
|      |      |              | Lake                                          | 3.5 (All CC) | 4.9 |
| 1984 | 4104 | Baldsmith    | So. Fk. Smith Riv.                            | 4.0 (All CC) | 2.4 |
| 1985 | 5406 | Canyon       | Canyon Ck. (Illinois River)                   | 7.0 (All CC) | 3.0 |
| 1982 | 2201 | Indigo Creek | E. Fk. Indigo Ck.                             | 14.0         | 3.3 |
| 1982 | 2105 | Mis-Mnpral   | Chetco Riv.                                   | 1.9 (All CC) | 1.1 |

There are also 3-4 sales in Winchuck River area.



## Educational Wilderness Experience

- We specialize in exploring endangered wilderness not yet adequately protected by law in the Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou and Cascade mountain ranges.
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- Trips include: extended expeditions, weekend trips, and picnic day hikes at our wilderness ranch.
- EARTH FIRST! members: schedule an expedition and 10% of your fee will be donated to EF! efforts to blockade the Bald Mtn. Road in the Kalmiopsis and the No G-O Road in the Siskiyou.
- Write or call for a free brochure: P.O. Box 1330 Jacksonville, Oregon 97530 (503) 899-1696.

## Benefit Llama Expedition to Bald Mtn. in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness May 21-24, 1983

Earth First! and Siskiyou Llama Expeditions present an expedition with Dave Foreman into the Kalmiopsis Wilderness May 21-24. We'll spend four days on the Illinois River-Bald Mtn. Trail; the site of a controversial logging road the Forest Service has begun building along the present wilderness boundary. We'll travel light and easy as the trusty llamas carry food and camping gear. There is room for only 4 guests on this trip. Cost is \$400 per person. Half will go to Earth First! to protest logging of the Kalmiopsis. Delicious meals included. To reserve your space, call or write: Siskiyou Llama Expeditions, P.O. Box 1330, Jacksonville, Oregon 97530. Phone (503) 899-1696.

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## EF! State Wilderness Coordinators

The following people are coordinating EF! wilderness studies and comments to agencies in their respective states. As was mentioned in the last issue of EF! it was decided at the RRR that Earth First! should become more involved in the BLM wilderness review and RARE II wilderness bills. The EF! paper will maintain a file of all EF! comments so please send copies of your comments to us. If you'd like to coordinate BLM or Forest Service wilderness in your state for EF!, please let us know so we can list you. EF!ers who would like to help on this project should contact their state coordinator.

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## Note to Local EF! Contacts

Send us reports of your activities, issues, updates, and announcements of EF! meetings in your area. This is your space in EF! Use it!

## What You Can Do as An Earth Firster

As the letters pour into our mail box every day, a common theme emerges: What can I do to help save Mother Earth? How can I be an active Earth Firster? There is lots to do. The following are some ideas:

- Help form a local EF! group or be a local contact (see accompanying article)

- Come to the Round River Rendezvous or other EF! actions or gatherings. Organize a carpool from your local area. Meet other EF!ers and become part of the movement.

- Join the SWAAT Team if you're willing to engage in non-violent direct action in protection of wilderness or if you're willing to act in a support capacity for our actions this spring and summer in the Kalmiopsis of Oregon and Siskiyou of California (see specific articles in this issue). Form a SWAAT Team in your area to carpool together and act as an affinity group. If you're interested in organizing SWAAT, we'll send you names of others in your area.

- Help develop an Earth First! position for the RARE II bill in your state. We need to draw boundaries, prepare maps, write articles for *Earth First!*, testify at hearings, and get others to support the EF! recommendations for adequate National Forest wilderness in all our states.

- Help develop Earth First! recommendations for BLM wilderness in your state. Testify at hearings, send in no-compromise recommendations to the BLM.

- Adopt a proposed EF! Wilderness Ecosystem Preserve in your area. Help refine the boundaries, develop supporting material, promote it.

- Get involved in other environmental issues in your area and develop an EF! position. Don't compromise. Don't sell out. Be firm.

- Organize an appearance by the Earth First! Road Show in your area.

- Write articles on EF! for your local Sierra Club newsletter etc. A recent article in the Wisconsin Sierra Club paper by EF!er Meri Kuehn brought in 27 new subscribers to EF! in two weeks!

- Get extra copies of EF! to distribute in your area.

- Set up an EF! booth at your university and sell t-shirts, calendars, bumperstickers, copies of EF! and find potential EF! activists.

- Read EF! and get ideas from the articles and regional reports.

- Use your imagination!

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## EARTH FIRST! LOCAL GROUPS

Since Earth First! is a movement instead of a formal organization, there is a lot of flexibility in defining what an EF! local contact is, or what a local EF! group is. The contacts listed in *Earth First!* generally fall into two categories: 1) they are the contact person for a more or less active local EF! group, or 2) they are EF!ers who would like to meet other EF!ers in their area to form the nucleus of a local group. The following are some ideas on what you can do to get an active group of Earth Firsters going in your area.

- Find an issue. Get to work on it. It can be either local or national. EF!ers are activists, not club members. Don't duplicate the actions of other environmental groups. Take the hard line. Don't compromise. Be creative.

- Support national EF! on our major issues. Come to the Round River Rendezvous. EF! contacts should act as carpool organizers to national or regional EF! gatherings or actions.

- Set up an initial meeting for EF!ers in your area. Prepare a flyer announcing the time and place of your meeting and send it to us in Ely. We'll mail it out to all EF! subscribers in your area and announce the meeting in EF!. Arrange to show our movie "The Cracking of Glen Canyon Dam."

- We all need money. A good way for local EF! groups to raise it is to sell EF! t-shirts, calendars, bumperstickers, etc. We will front merchandise to you at the wholesale prices listed in the back of the paper.

- Read *Earth First!* and get ideas on what other local groups are doing. The Albuquerque EF! group lately has been reporting on their actions and sets a good example.

## EARTH FIRST! FOUNDATION

The International Revenue Service has recently granted tax-exempt status to the Earth First! Foundation. The Foundation has been set up to provide financial backing for projects in support of Deep Ecology and Earth First! goals which other environmental groups may avoid.

While the Earth First! Foundation is an independent entity, it hopes to act as a major fundraiser for other aspects of the Earth First! movement. The Foundation believes in the necessity for a fundamental restructuring of our ideas and behavior in regard to civilization and nature, and hopes to add impetus to the formation of new ideas in that direction.

Projects already underway include the publishing of *Voices For Deep Ecology*, an anthology of essays edited by Professor Bill Devall and the first in the Ned Ludd Books series; organizing a retreat seminar to discuss Deep Ecology and direct action; and developing the Earth First! Wilderness Preserves System.

Fundraising plans include accepting tax-deductible contributions and an Earth First! Festival August 14 in Salt Lake City featuring Ed Abbey, Gary Snyder, other speakers, and several musical groups. Details will be given in the June 21 EF!.

Potential donors may reach the Earth First!

Earth First! Foundation at PO Box 6206, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

## LATE NEWS FLASH!

Dave Foreman went down in flames in his campaign for the Sierra Club National Board of Directors.



## Important Dates

- April 27 — Bay Area Earth First! Meeting—Call contacts for details
- April 29 — Davis Earth First! Meeting—Call contacts for details.
- early May — Eugene Earth First! Meeting—Call Marcy Willow 503-342-7040 for details.
- May 14 — NO G-O Road Rally, Big Flat Campground—Call for details.

Call your EF! Contact in California and Oregon to find out what is going on in your area!

## Sleep Cheap!

Want to meet other Earth Firsters as you travel the country? Want to avoid the expense of motels or the excitement of sleeping under picnic tables at roadside rest stops? The SLEEP CHEAP is for you. SLEEP CHEAP is a listing of EF!ers willing to provide floor space for other EF!ers travelling through. Travellers should be considerate and give their hosts plenty of warning by calling or writing ahead. If you'd like to be listed as a SLEEP CHEAP host, contact Eileen Key in Portland (address below) or the EF! address in Ely.  
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## THE FOUR CORNERS: NATIONAL SACRIFICE AREA

**The Four Corners: A National Sacrifice Area?**, a new film on the cultural and ecological impacts of energy development in the American Southwest, premiered in San Francisco, Palo Alto and Berkeley, California, before sell-out crowds in early March. Nearly 2,000 people turned out to see the critically acclaimed film, which has now been accepted by PBS for national broadcast.

The *San Francisco Examiner* called **THE FOUR CORNERS** "timely" and "intelligent," and Judy Stone of the *San Francisco Chronicle* called it "a first-rate documentary." Filmmakers Christopher McLeod, Glenn Switkes and Randy Hayes will embark on a tour of the Southwest in May to screen the film in Denver, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Salt Lake City, and in many of the rural communities in which they filmed.

The *Four Corners* documents the "hidden costs" of uranium mining and milling, coal strip-mining, and synthetic fuels development on the mineral-rich

Colorado Plateau, which spans the Four Corners states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. The Four Corners area is home to the Hopi and Navajo Indian tribes, and Mormon ranching communities, and it is known as the "Golden Circle of National Parks." The film investigates the charge that these cultures and their fragile homeland may be laid to waste, sacrificed, to satisfy the energy requirements of industrial society.

Four years in the making, **The Four Corners: A National Sacrifice Area?** was produced with funding from the Arizona Humanities Council, and major support from the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley. The 16mm, hour-length film is narrated by San Francisco-based actor Peter Coyote.

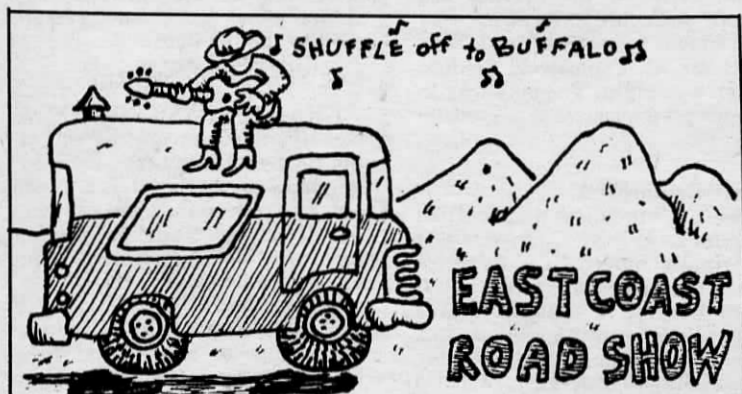
For further information contact Christopher McLeod at (415) 747-0685.

(Note: the filmmakers involved also did the *Earth First!* film "The Cracking of Glen Canyon Dam.")

### Tentative Itinerary for "Four Corners" Southwest Tour

- \*May 6 (Fri) Hopi Civic Center
- May 8 (Sun) Window Rock Cinema
- \*May 9 (Mon) Albuquerque (Kimo Theater) with music by Kate Wolf, and a talk by Hopi Spokesman Thomas Banyacya, 7:30 pm sponsored by Natl. Indian Youth Council, Southwest Research and Information Center, UNM Native American Studies Dept., Committee on Coal. Admission \$5.00
- \*May 10 (Tues) Santa Fe (El Daseo Theatre) 7:30 pm, same show as above
- \*May 12 (Thurs) Taos (Taos Community Auditorium) same show as above/7:30 pm
- May 14 (Sat) Boulder (St. John's Episcopal Church, 14th St. and Pine) 7:30 pm. Same show as above, sponsored by Colo. Open Space Council, Denver International Film Festival, Musicians Assoc. of Swallow Hill.
- \*May 15 (Sun) Denver (Paramount Theatre) same show, 7:30 pm
- May 17 (Tues) Salt Lake City
- May 17 (Tues) Grand Junction, CO
- May 19 (Thurs) Page, AZ
- May 20 (Fri) Kanab, UT
- May 22 (Sun) Cedaredge, CO (at Western Colo. Congress annual meeting)
- May 23 (Mon) Durango, CO
- May 24 (Tues) Moab, UT
- May 27 (Fri) Shiprock, NM
- May 28 (Sat) Crownpoint, NM
- May 29 (Sun) Grants, NM
- May 30 (Mon) Churchrock, NM
- June 1 (Wed) Grand Canyon
- June 2 (Thurs) Flagstaff, AZ
- June 3 (Fri) Tempe/Phoenix (Valley Arts Theater)
- June 5 (Sun) Los Angeles

\*confirmed NOTE: This is a working draft schedule as of April 1, 1983. For further information contact Christopher McLeod at 415-747-0685.



A Fall 1983 tour east of the Rocky Mountains is now being planned by the *Earth First!* Road Show. "We want to hit colleges and communities from Oklahoma to Florida, and Maine to Wisconsin," said Nagasaki Johnson, veteran of the West Coast Road Show. "We want to help organize *Earth First!* groups throughout the East and Midwest and really build *Earth First!* into a national

movement." Nagasaki said the *EF!* Roadies would like to hit the northern states in October and drop down to the South in November. He suggested reading his article in the *Eos* issue of *EF!* for an idea of what the Road Show is and urged people interested in having the Road Show hit their area to contact Dave Foreman or himself in Ely.

# EARTH FIRST! SMASHES EARTH LAST!

by Dave Gold

While Albuquerque *Earth First!*ers Neil Cobb and Bobby Seeley risked life and limb in their defense of the Salt Creek Wilderness, other members of Albuquerque *Earth First!* took on "Earth Last!"

The idea was to have a dual action: the blockade and arrest in the Salt Creek Wilderness, and a demonstration outside the Federal Building in Albuquerque. It started out as a typical demonstration. Dave Seeley gave a rousing speech which inspired all the *EF!* demonstrators. Karen Brown whipped the crowd into a frenzy, chanting, "Drill Watt, not Wilderness" and other slogans. Lenora Olsen brought a large sheet which had a highway sign (red circle and diagonal line) depiction of James Watt with his horns and bared fangs.

We will all be happier in a flat world.

"We love our Cadillacs. We each drive one, even when we're all going to the same place. And we want to have television sets in every room, and we want them on whether we're watching them or not."

Meanwhile, Blake, the redneck, hollered, "If you all don't all get outta here I'm gonna personally kick your fannies so hard they'll fly all the way back to Russia where you come from. You should be going down to Roswell and asking good Mr. Yates for a job. You should be thanking James Watt and our President, who are trying to save our right to dig up the land. It ain't there to look at. He gave us it so your old ladies could make your toast, in your lousy toasters, and you can bet they don't got toast in Russia."



During the climax of this orgy of sentiment, from out of nowhere a pickup truck emerged with a 10-foot, black model of an oil rig on the back. On the front of the rig was a poster identifying the owners: "Earth Last!" The symbol of *Earth Last!* is a picture of the Earth with the same roadside symbolism as the above-mentioned James Watt poster. *Earth Last!* is to corporate plans of destruction what *Earth First!* is to love of the land.

Riding in the back of the pickup were two screaming members of this diabolical organization. One was the horribly misguided redneck Steve Blake and the other a mad eco-corporatist David Gold. They were so deep into the insanity of their cause that they ranted and raved simultaneously. Their message of destruction was so terrible it can only be quoted directly:

"In *Earth Last!* our motto is: Progress First! People Second! *Earth Last!* We need energy, and don't need people, and we sure as hell don't need the Earth!" said Gold.

"All mountains are useless. They serve no function at all and should be removed. Their disorderly shapes cause confusion. Mr. Watt is just beginning a wonderful and orderly process.

The *Earth First!* members could hardly believe their ears. When they were informed by *Earth Last!* that it was now time to get down on their knees and pray to the oil rig, the symbol of progress, they could stand no more.

Luckily, one *Earth First!*er, 'Grizz' Logsdon, always carries his 20-pound, 2-foot pipe wrench in his back pocket just in case he finds any bulldozers in the wilderness that need "fixin'." 'Grizz' stands at least seven feet tall and is solid muscle except where he stores his beer. This mountain of a man laid into that symbol of progress while the other *Earth First!*ers cheered him on. 'Grizz' made quick work of the rig. In less than 30 seconds it was scrap. Needless to say, the watching downtown office workers were impressed.

The *Earth Last!*ers took off like the chickenshits they really are. Standing amidst their pile of rubble they cried out, "No *Earth!* Go back to Russia you commie faggots. Get a haircut."

After *Earth Last!* had been chased away, Karen once again rallied the crowd. Dave Seeley smashed a head of James Watt. Finally, everyone went off to Jack's Lounge to celebrate another *Earth First!* victory.

## Letters, continued

Dear *EF!*

Bart's article on The Battle of Salt Creek is just further evidence justifying the increased directness needed to stop the outrageous destruction of wilderness planned for the next few years by you-know-who—as if justification is needed.

The SWAAT (Save Wilderness At Any Time) teams must be poised to truck or ride hard to the threatened area, alert other organizers and make a stand/spectacle. We must become adept at using the press and causing guilty parties to make abusive (to the dignity of the land and those who care) statements. We must turn out and demonstrate steadfast outrage, courage, and conviction to defend our *Earth Mother's* last virgin parts!

Yes, beloved *Earth First!*ers, things are getting gnarly. No more souls can be afforded—sold out in compromise. I agree with Gandhi, believing "where there is only a choice between cowardice and violence, I would advise violence." Before it comes to monkeywrenching, we must all get in gear and collaborate, strategize, vocalize and advertise the plight of wilderness. Don't Mourn, Organize! It does no good to divide our ranks and fill our newsletter with debates on diet and reproduction (granted sex and food are priorities)—but *Earth First!* cohesion demands that protection of wilderness be #1.

Anarchistic *EF!*ers, we are also as one when it comes to our top priority.

**EARTH FIRST!**

—Desolation Dancer

Dear *EF!*

Deep Ecology is as important to wilderness theology as freedom is to Hayduke. The definition of wilderness as a place where man is only a visitor reeks of anthropocentrism. John Seed's article, truly inspiring, roused my pen and emotion *Earth First!*

We as a nation are obviously challenged now. Our nation is not just that of Woodstock or north of the Rio Grande. Ours is without border short of the sky. "Thinking Globally and Acting Locally" is something *Earth First!* can do which Watt cannot.

We can cause international outrage to bear on the despicable mismanagement of "our public resources."

Our perspective must have root in Deep Ecology, for a true *Earth First!*er would rather die than live in a world domesticated and overrun by almighty mole-eyed buck chaser\$. This life and death patriotism, ancient as the earth bond and strong as mother's love will fuel our spirit and arm our visions—creating the reality wherein Jimmy Watt will discover the difference between his ass and a hole in the ground when his ill-used cross and dastardly decrees are reamed up it, and the remainder used to fill the wounds he never felt when he okayed the holes in the ground.

We will make a stand at the Kalmiopsis!!!

Buckaroo Bonnie, *EF!* Oregon

Dear *EF!*

I have written Congressmen and the President telling them how I feel about the environment. Reagan's aides sent me a form letter thanking me for supporting his anti-abortion movement! #&\*&\*&@! As you can see, I wasn't pleased with that one. I read the article in *Outside* and would like very much to join *Earth First!*. I do not advocate violence at all, but I see nothing wrong with a little bullying.

—North Carolina

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# DEAR NED LUDD

## Getting Ready for Resistance

Many of us have made the decision, in principle, to resist the American Gothic Junta's plunder of our people's natural treasures. We have decided to stop the destruction of OUR Earth, and we know the utter futility of pleading with Jesse Helms and Jellybean. We know there is so much we can do, especially in the beginning, with little or no risk. But we also know that once we take effective action the exploiters will squeal like little stuck pigs, and call on the repressive forces for protection at the trough. The greed-and-power elite probably won't get their hands off Earthmother, or their feet off your necks, without a protracted struggle. Accordingly, resisters should be prepared for repression before exposing themselves to it, and while they should make every effort to avoid suspicion, it is common sense to be prepared to evade the oppressor if necessary. It is much easier to go camping than to screw around with the "legal" system, especially since its primary purpose is to protect privilege, and to "justify" state power.

While the circumstances of each individual's residence, finances, relationships, etc. will dictate the exact measures they should (and are able to) take, it is possible to establish a couple of basic principles: be packed and ready to go, and have plenty of stashes and caches. It is no good waiting until there's a knock on the door before you pack your gear, buy a fresh battery for your flash, get your boots repaired, sew up a ripped seam, and. Nor is it much better to hot-foot it out the door with nowhere to go, nothing to eat but the rations in your pack, and no way to carry on the struggle.

The materials and equipment needed for resistance will vary according to your objectives, but some general suggestions, together with simple ecotage techniques, will be covered in our pamphlet *Expedient Means*. Here I will only discuss gear and provisions for what one of my sons called "the runaway pack."

Anyone who is going to be an eco-resister should already know how to pack for terrain and season; they don't need me to tell them how many pairs of socks to take. Just remember that you may not want to go shopping for a long time, and most camping gear is made light and intended for occasional use, while the high-visibility color of some equipment is unacceptable. Military surplus is fairly cheap and sturdy and it is usually camouflaged, which all exposed gear and clothing should be. I find it tiresome to unpack/repack every time I head for the woods, so I got a surplus pack and frame, waterproofed the fabric with a coat of polyurethane varnish, and keep it set aside for this purpose. In it I carry a repair kit with thread, heavy needles, thimble, buttons, grommets, Velcro, scraps of cloth, webbing, buckles, laces, safety pins, etc. Have a pair of nearly new boots and socks beside the pack. I keep a pair of camo coveralls hanging near mine, with the pockets full of things like a knife, compass, waterproof matches (in w/proof case), snakebite kit, money, papers, flashlight with extra lithium (long shelf-life) cell, hat, gloves in season, etc.

On top of the main pack I strap a ration bag with five day's food (mostly no-cook), instant coffee

I also pack a very complete health care kit; make a note of all the health care products you use at home, commonly used medications, and foot care items such as medicated powders and mole-skin. Carry the usual disinfectants and antibiotic ointments for cuts and scrapes and burns, and don't forget a small pair of scissors, tweezers, toilet articles and soap. I have packed vitamin C crystals and vitamin A pills as medicine, while a multiple mineral and vitamin goes with the rations. Good nutrition is the key to staying well, and even a well chosen diet based on stored foods is likely to be somewhat deficient. Two herbal medicines deserve special mention: myrrh and goldenseal-root powder. Myrrh is almost a panacea for lesions of the mucus membranes; it is great for field treatment of dental problems, and can be drunk (teaspoon of tincture in cup of water) for stomach and digestive problems. It can be bought (usually requires special order) from a pharmacy, or you can buy powdered myrrh in a health food store and make your own tincture (or alcohol solution). Add one ounce of powdered myrrh to four fluid ounces of grain ethanol (190 proof drinking alcohol) or the strongest vodka/um you can find: shake twice daily and it's ready to use in a couple of weeks. Goldenseal powder is also good for stomach and intestinal problems when drunk as a tea. But its most important use is to treat inflammations and infections of the eyes. Steep an 1/8 teaspoon of powder in four tablespoons of just-boiled water; after five minutes, pour off the clear yellow liquid and use it as an eyewash several times a day.

Along with getting your pack and other gear organized, develop an early warning system that allows you time to pull on some clothes and move out. This could be as simple as a do-it-yourself security system, or you might have to look around for a new place to stay, as I did. I began working on these things just after the fascist coup of '80, and have only recently felt that I was even minimally prepared, so I don't pretend it is easy. But like so many other projects that seem daunting when viewed as a whole, you just have to take it step by step, an item of gear at a time: "The longest journey begins with a single step." What else have you got to do, besides watching Earthmother die?

Of course you will have to have somewhere to go, and you should practice getting there the same way that you'd have to in an emergency. You should select a refuge that gives access, but is not too close to the area in which you plan to conduct resistance operations. You should carefully reconnoiter both refuge and operational area(s), and while doing this you should attempt not to be observed. This will give you practice, enhance your security, and reveal the feasibility of your plans and arrangements, which must remain flexible and responsive to the experience obtained during these preparations.

Probably you will want to hide food, gear, and operational and soups, and a small alcohol burner with fuel. In the same bag I keep a canteen cup, water purifying straw and pills, more matches and a lighter, eating utensils, and a toothbrush. The idea is not to have to break into the main pack for something to munch.

materials in the refuge, but at least some of the food may be hidden along expected routes of travel, and resistance material may well be stashed near its intended point of use. Suggestions for secure field storage will be included in *Expedient Means*. BEGIN AT ONCE, TO BE READY ON TIME!

## Playing with Helicopters by RR

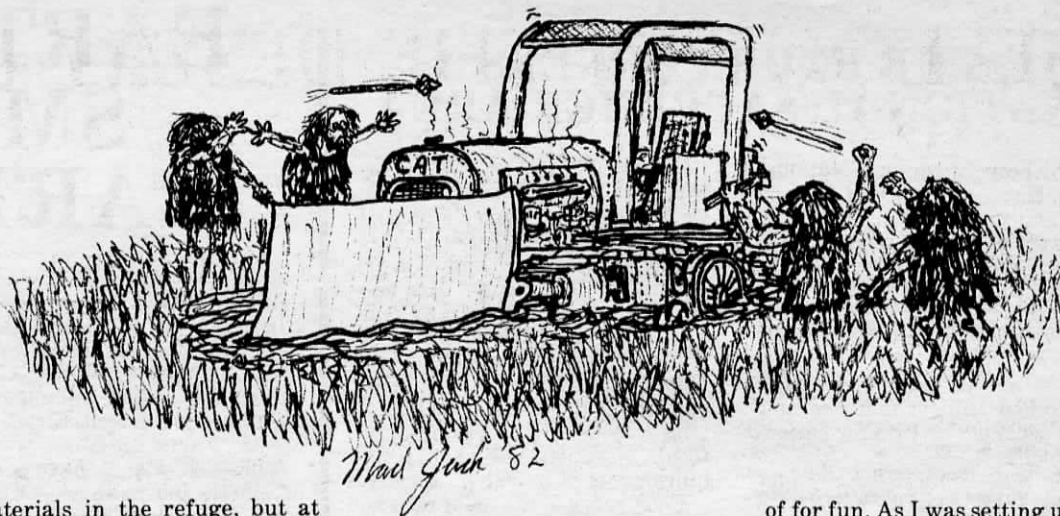
Helicopters are useful tools for the large scale Earth raper. They are used for dam building, logging, spraying toxic chemicals and other heinous practices. The monkeywrencher seeking to destroy or disable a helicopter should be especially cautious in this endeavour. Very few of the helicopters used in large scale construction operations come with a price tag under a million dollars, and anyone caught tampering with that kind of investment is likely to be treated mercilessly. Also, it would not be difficult to endanger someone's life. The idea is to protect the Earth, not to reduce helicopter pilots to heaps of protoplasm. The smooth, sneaky approach should give way to obvious destruction so as not to cause an in-flight accident.

Helicopters are generally made of light materials that are easily damaged by a sturdy instrument wielded by strong arms. Their rotor systems are extremely delicate. The slightest nick or dent on either a tail or main rotor will definitely mean mandatory replacement of the rotor. I once observed a helicopter main rotor latch onto a candy wrapper, and it sounded like a giant pterodactyl in the process of receiving a barbed wire enema. That chopper had to be shut down for a 12 hour inspection.

The air speed indicator is a little five inch projectile that sticks out of the "nose" of the helicopter. Be sure to give it a good whack. They're easy to ruin and expensive to replace. You should also do some damage to the cargo hook, which is on the belly of the machine. Remember, the more diversity in the damage you inflict, the longer the machine will be shut down.

Helicopters almost never fly at night, and will generally be kept at a heliport set up somewhere near the construction site, or perhaps at the nearest airport. Be sure to check thoroughly to see if there is a guard before you commence with your duties.

The beauty of effective "helicopter management" is that one can generally shut down an entire operation while replacements are sought. At 250 to 2000 dollars a flight hour, and big bucks for availability, a chopper is a heavy investment even for the likes of Bechtel. In short, an individual with creativity and a crowbar could quickly and easily shut down a helicopter. But again, it needs to be stressed that



on-ground action is by far preferable to taking pot shots at a helicopter in flight. Get the chopper where it sits, not people up in the wild blue yonder.

Dear Ned:

Your column is always interesting and informative. I'd like to pass along some info to my brothers and sisters of the monkeywrench. The US Government Printing Office puts out monkeywrenching manuals available at low cost to all Americans. Particularly interesting titles from the military include:

*Explosives and Demolitions* FM5-25

*Engineer Field Data* FM 5-34 (good info on bridge leveling, road cratering, etc.)

*Camouflage* FM 5-20

*Dismounted Patrolling* ST 21-75-3 (minimum impact camping carried to the extreme and anti-tracking techniques)

*Survival, Evasion and Escape* FM 21-76

*The Ranger Handbook and The Special Forces Handbook* (both compile info from the above books along with much more and put it in a pocket sized book)

*GTA 5-10-28 Demolition Card* (pocket card made famous by Geo. Hayduke)

Just write the Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 for prices. Other sources for books are Paladin Press (POB 1307-BMR, Boulder, CO 80306) and Loompanics Unlimited (POB 1197, Port Townsend, WA 98368). They run the gamut from monkeywrenching to false ID to self defense to homesteading although many are very right wing. *Soldier of Fortune* magazine has many useful ads for monkeywrenchers.

Oh yeah, Ned, a word of warning to any monkeywrenchers who read *The Anarchist's Cookbook*: Some of the recipes are sloppy and could well end up with you blown to smithereens. That goes for all explosives. Seldom when was right. The only way to handle all explosives is nervously.

JM

Dear Earth First!

Yes, I am alive and well in Hayfork, Trinity County, Ca. I originally moved here to retire from my more clandestine activities because I thought that I could live simply and quietly in a place that goes so well with my name. Hayduke of Hayfork! I also thought I might like it here because Trinity County has one of the most stringent anti-herbicide regulations in the world. It completely bans the use of phenoxy herbicides such as 2, 4-D. What better place to make hay and watch the sunsets!

However, the peace and quiet that I have enjoyed for the last several years was shattered the other day as I was four-wheeling the logging roads, in search of a cliff that I could winch myself off

of for fun. As I was setting up my cable to winch down a cliff caused by clearcut erosion, my dog Richard Nixon became snared in a trap. I quickly released him, only to find a bobcat snared nearby. My wrath was kindled further by the fact that the bobcat was in the process of chewing its foot off in an effort to free itself. I killed it and proceeded to find the trapper's entire trap line of 35 traps. I melted the traps into bars, which were promptly recycled. I had hoped that I could go back into retirement after this escapade. However, I found out at the recycling center that the USFS was preparing an EA that calls for the illegal use of herbicides in most of the area's major watersheds, including the town's water supply. I am so appalled and enraged that I plan to permanently come out of retirement until our local ordinances are upheld by the federal and state governments. The USFS had better keep a good mechanic on hand, as well as a good supply of motor oil, spare tires and culverts. High federal budget deficits may also make rebuilding the USFS district office difficult.

Remember,  
HAYDUKE LIVES!  
(In Hayfork)  
P.S. Trap more trappers!

## Mounties Get Supposed Ecoteurs

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrested five persons January 21 and charged them with the May 31, 1982 bombing of the \$4.5 million British Columbia Hydro substation north of Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. The carefully planned and executed attack destroyed three large electric plants. The police tactical team, disguised as highway workers, faked a landslide warning roadblock on the Squamish Highway and arrested five persons alleged to be involved in the group Direct Action which has claimed responsibility for the bombing.

## Log Skidder Blown Up

GRANTS PASS, OR—Local sheriff's deputies are investigating the possibility that a log skidder blown up around Jan. 20-25 on the Illinois River was destroyed by "radical environmentalist ecotage." Local environmentalists, however, suggest it had nothing to do with the environment and was probably due to a personal feud between loggers (as is common in the area).

## Freddies Approve Wilderness Drilling in Montana

CABINET MTNS WILDERNESS—The Forest Service has approved plans by ASARCO to drill 36 mineral exploration holes in the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness. The drilling will last four years and is to begin this June 1. The Forest Service is allegedly an agency charged with protecting wilderness values.

# SELLOUT IN THE DESERT BY CALIFORNIA BLM

by Greg Marskell

—Barstow to Vegas Race  
Reborn by BLM Midwives—

The California Desert Plan serves in many ways as a model for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administration of the public lands throughout the United States. The planning process, which culminated in a final Desert Plan in 1980 was the most intensive such project ever undertaken by the agency. It provided precedents for the management of potential wilderness, wildlife habitat, livestock use, off-road vehicles (ORVs), and other resource by the BLM nationwide.

Recently the BLM renounced even the guise of responsible management of the California desert with release of its proposed 1982 Desert Plan Amendments. First released in September 1982, the amendments are now in the final EIS phase with a public comment period ending May 10, 1983.

Fifty-three amendments to the Desert Plan are proposed, the most outrageous of which is to reestablish the infamous Barstow-to-Vegas motorcycle race. Other amendments decrease or delete previous wilderness designation recommendations, open additional areas to off-road vehicles, and open more areas to permitted grazing, mining, and other degradation. Only a couple of minor amendments dealing with Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and a wilderness recommendation for Woods Mountains were environmentally positive.

## Public Comments Ignored

By the BLM's own admission, the "vast majority" of public comments received on the proposed amendments and draft EIS "urged protection of the desert and denounced amendments which would increase the use of areas which had been designated Class C or Class L" (see below).

For example, the proposed reincarnation of the Barstow-to-Vegas race received more comments than any other amendment, being mentioned by 80% of the 808 commentators. According to BLM, "the great majority of the comments opposed the race." BLM simply ignored these comments along with those opposing other amendments. This "prestigious race" (in BLM's words) is still scheduled to receive a permit for Thanksgiving weekend 1983.

In another suspect maneuver, BLM extended the public comment period on the draft EIS from November 15, 1982 to January 10, 1983 without bothering to notify those who had received the EIS.

## Desert Plan Background

The California Desert Plan was originally mandated by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 to "prepare and implement a comprehensive, long-range plan for the management, use, development and protection of the public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area" (the CDCA—which also was created by FLPMA).

BLM released its draft Desert Plan and EIS in February 1980; a final plan was adopted later that year. Although the final Plan was considered faulty in many respects, conservationists regarded it as a potential improvement over business-as-usual at the agency.

The CDCA encompasses about 25 million acres, one-half of which are public lands adminis-

tered by BLM. The basic planning method used is to zone the desert into a massive patchwork of "Multiple Use Classes," each of which permit different levels of resource use/destruction. The classes are Intensive (I), Moderate (M), Limited (L), and Controlled (C). Class C areas are those Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) that are recommended as "suitable" for wilderness designation and are thus subject to relatively protective "interim management" provisions. Class L areas receive some level of resource protection (e.g. vehicles are supposed to stay on designated roads and trails), while Class M and I areas are subject to almost all forms of resource plunder.

The Desert Plan placed about 17% of BLM lands in Class C, 49% in Class L, 27% in Class M and 4% in Class I. The 1982 amendments reduce Class C to only 15% while increasing all of the other less-protective classes.

The Plan also made recommendations for or against wilderness designation by Congress for each of the 138 Wilderness Study Areas comprising 5.7 million acres that had been previously inventoried. In the final Plan, just over two million acres (45 areas) were recommended for Wilderness designation. This is reduced to 1.84 million acres under the proposed amendments, a 12% loss.

Throughout the initial planning process in 1980, desert conservationists worked in vain to improve the Desert Plan. Major controversies centered around ORV regulations and the areas to be protected by Wilderness designation from ORVs, vegetation conversions, and other abuses. Now it appears that BLM is using the Plan amendment process to eliminate or downgrade the few protective provisions that were adopted in the Desert Plan.

## THE WORST AMENDMENTS

**Wilderness Amendments:** At each step of the California Desert wilderness inventory process, numerous qualifying areas were deleted from further wilderness consideration by BLM, as in other states. As a result, many conservationists supported the "Protection Alternative" of the draft Plan, which would have recommended nearly all the WSA acreage as suitable for Wilderness designation. This support for even modest wilderness recommendations was rejected by the BLM, which only slightly improved the 1.8 million-acre wilderness component of its "balanced" Alternative to the draft Desert Plan.

The 1982 amendments will reduce or eliminate wilderness recommendations for the Panamint Dunes (Amendment #5), Nopah Range (#28-9), Resting Springs Range (#39), Greenwater Valley (#52), Bighorn Mountains (#34), Sheephole Mountains (#51), Saline Valley (#27), and Kelso Dunes (#31-2). Only one area, the outstanding Woods Mountains WSA, is upgraded from non-suitable to suitable (#30).

Almost half of the respondents to the proposed amendments and draft EIS commented on the proposal to delete a portion of the Panamint Dunes from wilderness consideration. According to the BLM, "almost all were against opening the dunes." Snubbing the public, the BLM still proposes to cut the 2,400 acres containing dunes out of the very center of the WSA and open



The Barstow to Vegas motorcycle race, a "race to end all deserts."

—photo from *California Wilderness Record*

the area to ORV's, complete with an access road right through the WSA. Known rare plants and insects on the dunes will be destroyed.

The Bighorn Mountains WSA is deleted because "vehicle tracks and mining claims ... make it difficult to manage as wilderness." Other areas are eliminated simply because they have "red potential" or "red and blue potential for locatable minerals" on a BLM map!

The Sheephole Mountains are the second largest WSA in the California desert. It is totally eliminated in the amendments due to a partial "checkerboard" ownership pattern and "some interest in locatable minerals." Part of the WSA is even being designated as open to ORVs.

**ORV Amendments:** Throughout the Desert Plan formulation, conservationists attempted to impress upon the BLM the need to restrict motorized vehicle traffic to designated and posted routes throughout the public lands of the desert. However, BLM stuck to its reckless policy of allowing ORV use on "existing" routes of travel in a large portion of the CDCA. This often translates into any wash or imaginary track that an ORV can find and does nothing to prevent cross-country travel. Even more wantonly, BLM designated half a million acres as "open" and not even subject to paper controls on ORV damage to soils, vegetation, wildlife, and archeological values.

Several of the 1982 amendments further increase ORV abuse in the California Desert. The most notable is the reinstitution of the outlawed Barstow-to-Vegas race (Amendment #6).

The annual Barstow-to-Vegas motorcycle race was initiated in 1967 with 500 entrants. By 1974, it had increased to 3,000 entrants and 7,000 spectators. Due to public outcry over the massive environmental destruction caused by the race, BLM refused to issue permits after the 1974 event. A smaller "protest ride" has continued each Thanksgiving to date without BLM interference.

Now BLM is promoting the race and plans to permit 1200 entrants, starting out in waves of 400 riders extending one-half mile wide. The course is about 104 miles, crosses or runs along the boundaries of WSAs as well

as supposedly "protected" Class L areas, and will impair such fragile resource areas as the Mojave Sink, Soda Lake, Crucifixion Thorn Unique Plant Assemblage, Colosseum Gorge, and protected desert bighorn sheep range and water resources.

BLM claims that the proposed Desert Plan Amendment EIS fulfills the NEPA requirements for the first (1983) race, so we may well see this most symbolic spectacle of public resource destruction resurrected on Thanksgiving, 1983.

Another gift to ORV's is the expansion of the Razor Open Area (Amendment #7), which is sandwiched between two wildlife habitat ACECs. BLM admits that of several hundred respondents commenting on this amendment, "less than a dozen" favored the expansion. BLM's decision was unchanged.

Another ludicrous change is to allow stopping, parking, and camping within 300 feet of roads (including cherrystems within WSAs) instead of the 100 feet provided in the Plan. This will create a de facto open area within 600 feet of all roads. BLM's reasoning: "Rockhounds travel in groups and need an area which allows camping in a circle, not a line."

**Miscellaneous Amendments:** Other amendments increase grazing allotments or decrease environmental safeguards on presently overgrazed ranges, decrease the East Mojave Scenic Area (which was established in 1980 to appease those demanding national park status for this outstanding region), demote small areas to less protective land use categories, and decrease the size of a WSA outside of the CDCA.

The BLM's current trend of downgrading the California Desert Plan demonstrates the active resistance of this agency against properly managing the public lands and resources under its care. The lack of significant organized comment by ORV's on even the amendments of greatest concern to them exposes their awareness that the BLM is already in their hip pocket. Conservationists continue to comment and protest to an unresponsive BLM for the sake of establishing a public record to future Congressional or legal action or a more responsible future administration.

The Proposed 1982 Amendments can be obtained by interested readers from the California Desert District, BLM, 1695 Spruce Street, Riverside, CA 92507.

## Letters, continued

Dear Wild Bunch,

A friend of mine spent some time, a few years ago, as a Mormon missionary working with the Hopi people. In the end, after living and working with the Hopi people. In the end, well, maybe it would make more sense if the Hopi sent their missionaries to work among the whites.

If you haven't seen them already, there are a couple of good books on "earth religion" that might interest you.

1) *Drawing Down the Moon*, Beacon Press, Boston, 1980, on travels among a new generation of American "witches and druids." This isn't the usual occult crap. It's quite good. (The book was written by Margot Adler, a reporter for National Public Radio.)

2) *John Muir and his Legacy*, A hefty history of the American environmental movement by Steven Fox. Published by Little, Brown, and Co., Boston, 1981. The last chapter gives a very good account of "the religion of conservation" and its influence in the rise of the modern ecology movement.

3) *Dreaming the Dark*, Beacon Press, 1982. A good account of "Neo-Paganism" and radical ecology action by an anti-nuclear activist known as "Starhawk."

4) *The Way of the Shaman*, Available in paperback. A good how-to-do-it text on shamanism by a university anthropologist (Michael Harner) turned shaman.

The mainstream environmental movement—the penny-loafer crowd—lost its sense of spirituality years ago. John Muir, Henry Thoreau, and Walt Whitman—if they came back to life—would all embarrass the hell out of the Audubon and Sierra Club bureaucrats. (Remember back in the early 1970s when people called FOE's David Brower "the Arch-Druid"?—Well, nobody talks like that—in public—in FOE nowadays.)

—Boston, MA

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# MIND BENEATH THE SILVER SKY

by Otter G'Zell

You are floating in perfect weightlessness, perfect balance. Between the silver ceiling above and the grey rocky floor far beneath, you perceive your world with crystal clarity, for the utter transparency of your space extends a thousand miles in all directions, with no horizons until the floors rise to pierce the ceiling. You feel the minute differences of temperature, the movement of subtle currents, the delicate flavors and aromas of myriad creatures and places. All things in your world are known to you, from the minute organisms that drift in the upper currents to the great tentacled monsters that lurk in the deepest canyons. To your senses, all flesh, even the very mud that carpets the floor, is translucent to transparent. You know the location of all of your own kind throughout your world, their names, life histories, the conditions of their health, and the development of the young within their mothers' wombs. You can sing with the others in complex gargantuan symphonies and solemn solos, or exchange rapid bursts of information with the little click-whistlers who are smaller than one of your limbs. You know them all, and understand all their speech. Your perceptions can be extended into a full sphere, or focused into a tight beam, and can penetrate to the very core of anything between the floor and ceiling of your world. And your ceiling is not an impassable barrier, but merely the shimmering portal between your weightless world and another realm of light and gravity, into which you can leap, only to fall back ever safely into your own domain. You are 60 million years old. . . remember? The songs of your people contain the sagas and memories of all your ancestors who have ever lived in this clear and weightless immensity, back to the dawn of your species, and beyond. You remember epic battles with the vast hordes of kraken that inhabit the abysmal deeps. You recall the coming of others from beyond the sky, creatures who, like you, must draw their breath from the upper world. Some have possessed intelligence, with clever paws far more dexterous than your own fingerless flukes, and could pick up stones from the floor with which to crack open the shelled animals they loved to eat, as they lay on their backs upon the silver ceiling of the world. And you remember the time, more than 10 million years ago, when a new kind of dexterous creature came down from the world above—long-limbed tailless beings, who played and loved with your smaller cousins and with the tailed shell-crackers. Over the millennia you watched them, as they lost their body fur to become as smooth as your People, and as they learned to use pebbles, rocks and bones for tools, and grew in intelligence. Eventually, they returned to live in the upper realm, but continued to visit your domain to play, and to tell of their earthly paradise. The little click-whistlers were proud of their friendly pets, and pledged to protect and rescue them whenever they got into trouble in the world beneath the silver sky. All the four score and more Peoples of your world honored the covenant between the worlds above and below, and even the fiercest refrained from attacking the tailless ones. And you remember the times when great fiery mountains plunged through the silver sky, rending the rocks below and

turning your homeworld into an inferno of agony; when the floor split open and flaming death erupted upward, and your People died by uncounted millions, and much was forgotten. But always you survived and recovered, and the ancient memories returned, for the voice of the Great Mother spoke to you and through you. . . and all must once again be well, for you were of an eternal people. . .

But all is not well now, for in the last few centuries the smooth tailless ones have inexplicably undertaken the brutal annihilation of all the Peoples of your world. They have attacked with weapons of monstrous horror, metal missiles which explode within your bodies, and the cries of your dying kin reverberate throughout the furthest reaches of your once peaceful realm. They come in unbreakable vessels riding upon the sky, and they come not to speak with the Peoples as of old, but only to kill. And you cannot know their purpose in so doing, though the questions are pondered among all the Peoples, from the pods of children to the council circles of elders: Why have your one-time pets and playmates turned against you, and why with such ruthless savagery? Have you not honored the Covenant? Have they cause to feel wronged by the People? Can they not feel the pain of the Mother, nor hear Her anguished cries? No one can answer, and every year there are fewer left to try. Unless the killing stops, very soon, the People will be no more, and the kraken will rise. And when the People are gone, gone too, will be the memories, the songs, the wisdom, the knowledge and the consciousness that is the mind of the Mother of All Life. For you hold Her memories, in the brains of all the People, and when you die, the wellsprings of all Her great wisdom will run dry.

This past Labor Day (1980) marked the tenth anniversary of my personal revelation of The Goddess as planetary organism—a perspective that is beginning to gain popular acceptance as The Gaia Hypothesis (a term suggested by novelist William Golding, and popularized by British atmospheric biochemist James Lovelock). My own arrival at the Gaia Hypothesis (which I termed "Theogenesis") was derived from the observation that each of us, as human individuals, begins our existence as a single cell—a zygote—which eventually multiplies, specializes, evolves and matures into an adult organism comprising some three trillion cells. And yet we, as aggregate collections of these trillions of individual cells, continue to function and perceive ourselves as single organisms. This is because of the continuity of protoplasm and DNA which from the minuscule amount provided in the original zygote infuses every one of the cells in our bodies, thus insuring that we remain an organic whole. For this reason it is possible to clone another individual from the nucleus of any cell in a body.

Just so, there is overwhelming evidence to indicate that all life now on Earth (with the possible exception of some viruses) is derived from a single original cell which formed around four billion years ago. The basic amino acids and the DNA in every cell of every plant and animal on our planet are made up of exactly the same molecular components. Strip away the cell walls (con-

taining the antibodies which serve to maintain organismic integrity) from cells of a human and a carrot, and they will flow together, merge and continue to function as a hybrid chimera. Thus we may look upon these past four billion years of evolution as the maturation of a vast living creature 7,900 miles in diameter. In the body of such an immense being, we and all other individual animals and plants would be analogous to the individual cells of our own bodies. If such an analogy may be drawn, then what sort of cells might the members of our own species correspond to? "In man," says James Lovelock, "Gaia has the equivalent of a central nervous system". I had originally made an indistinguishably anthropomorphic assumption in saying "Just as in the human body the brain and nervous system is the last organ to develop, so in Terra the last biome to develop is the Noosphere, composed of Earth's aggregate population of homo sapiens."<sup>2</sup> However, subsequent studies I have read on the brains of cetaceans have convinced me, instead, that humans may be more modestly equipped to serve rather in the manner of peripheral neurons and ganglia (communication networks) than as the planetary "brain" itself (data storage and processing). Those Tolkein-inspired Neo-Pagans who call themselves The Elf Queen's Daughters have taken the notion of our role in the planetary nervous system one step further and refer to people with left-brain dominance as "motor neurons" and those with right-brain dominance as "sensory neurons."

Princeton psychologist Julian Jaynes has proposed the startling theory that the ancient pantheons of deities existed in actuality as manifestations of the collective right cerebral hemispheres of their worshippers, in the same way that our conscious minds are products of the speech centers (Wernicke's area) of our individual left brains.<sup>3</sup> Writing elsewhere,<sup>4</sup> I have discussed in this context the phenomenon known to the ancients as the Triple Muse (three distinctly feminine voices "heard" singing in unison) and suggested that this Muse represents the perceptual voice of the Triple Goddess. Going a step beyond Jung's "collective unconscious," I further suggested that the Triple Goddess may indeed represent the collective awareness of a community, country, or people. For it is of course my contention that this vast being we call Earth is not only alive, but sentient. And it is the very soul of our living planet that we have known from of old as Gaea, Hertha, Mother Earth.

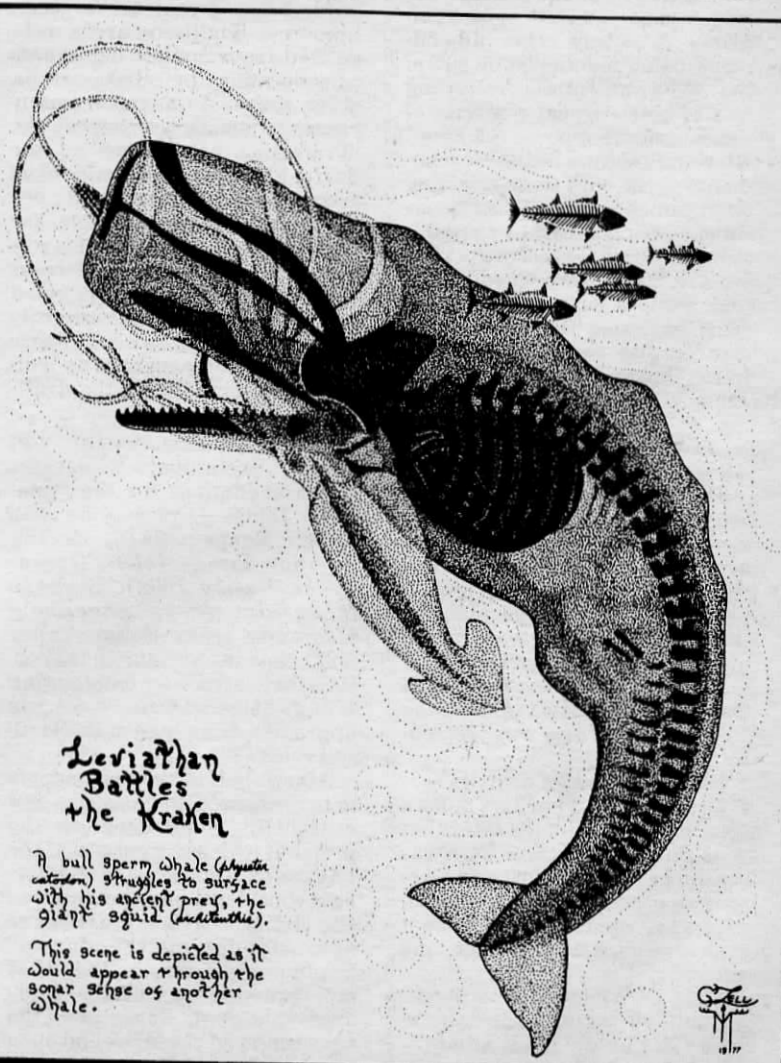
Delphinologist John Lilly<sup>5</sup> has pointed out that whales and dolphins are equipped with two organs of vocalization—one in each half of the dual blowhole—and as a consequence, they can carry on two separate simultaneous communications with other cetaceans on either side of them, or a single harmonious exchange in stereo, utilizing both sets of vocal apparatus in synchronization. The obvious implication is that the "speech" and "language" areas in the cetacean brain are equally developed in both cerebral hemispheres. What fully functional Wernicke's areas in both sides of the brain would imply in view of Jaynes' theory of the bicameral mind is beyond the scope of my present speculation, but I must point out that the

brain of a dolphin may have up to 40 percent greater cortical areas than a human brain, while the brain of a whale may be many times that. Since the major vocal activity of these gentle leviathans appears to be the composition and performance of elaborate vocal symphonies, might not the sweetly feminine unison voices of the Muses (and perhaps even the haunting songs of the legendary Sirens) have been broadcast to ancient poets and sailors from the minds of whales? Certainly there is ample indication from myth and history that cetaceans were once held in special esteem.<sup>6</sup> Delphi, the site of the most ancient oracle of the Earth-Mother, means both "dolphin" and "womb." Paintings of dolphins form a recurrent theme in murals from Crete, Etruria and Carthage. The "friendly whale" is included in shamanic drawings revealing the "Mysteries of the Earth Mother among the Cuna Indians of Panama."<sup>7</sup> And countless legends hint at an almost symbiotic relationship between dolphins and our own ancestors, as well as more recent and well-documented tales such as that of Pylorus Jack.

It is my suggestion, then, that within the body of Gaia, our planetary organism and Earthly Mother, the analog of the cerebral cortex is to be found in the dolphins and whales. I further suggest that a symbiotic "neural" link between our respective species was forged millions of years ago, when our pre-hominid forebears fled to the seas to survive the twelve-million year long Pleocene drought, and so lost our body hair.<sup>8</sup> This ancient covenant is still honored by all the 85 species of cetacea, whose history was already 50 million years old when we first climbed down from the trees to flounder in the primordial surf. To this day, we remain the only swimming primates, and sea otters and dolphins remain the only wild animals on Earth to seek our companionship as friends and playmates. But in the past few centuries, mankind has ruptured this bond most grievously with the unrelenting slaughter and genocide of our oceanic elders:

otters and seals for their pelts; mighty whales for oil, lipstick and dog food; and playful dolphins for competing with commercial fishermen.

I have elaborated elsewhere<sup>9</sup> upon the nature and effects of the planetary cataclysm which occurred 3500 years ago, setting us on the path of alienation from the Earth that Western civilization has pursued ever since. 1500 BCE was the ending of the Bronze Age and the beginning of the Age of Iron; the time of the Exodus, and the rise of Sky-Father monotheism; the eruption of Thera, and the obliteration of the Minoan thalassocracy; the Aryan invasion ("Aryan" meaning both "iron" and "meteor," for the first iron weapons were forged at this time from meteorites) and the destruction of Mohenjodaro. It was the twilight of the Goddess, and the dawn of patriarchy. And what would be the impact of planetary cataclysm upon populations of cetacea? Certainly it is not difficult to imagine the consequences of major undersea earthquakes and vulcanism. Water heated by such geothermal forces would rise, creating surface temperatures far exceeding the toleration limits of air-breathing homeothermic creatures whose natural habitat in icy seas had caused them to evolve thick layers of insulating blubber. In all areas of the oceans that were subjected to particularly intense geothermal activity (which would include much of the Pacific, the mid-Atlantic, the Indian, and a good part of the Arctic and Antarctic as well) the whales would be, if not boiled alive outright, at least suffocated by intolerable heat. And the baleen whales, whose diet consists of tiny crustaceans and mollusks called krill, as well as plankton, would find the available supply of such surface-level organisms severely reduced from the increased surface heat, to which they would be particularly vulnerable. And in the decimation of the whale populations that would have followed inevitably from cataclysm, the Earth Mother would have suffered radical lobotomy, removing the presence of Her consciousness



Leviathan Battles the Kraken

A bull sperm whale (*Physeter catodon*) struggles to surface with his ancient prey, the giant squid (*Architeuthis*).

This scene is depicted as it would appear through the sonar sense of another whale.

from the new Age of Iron that followed. If not dead, the Mother at least remained unconscious long enough for the new Sky-Father Gods (Zeus, Yahveh, Indra, Odin) to conquer Her surviving children, and every flickering of Awakening (Renaissance) that has occurred since has been ruthlessly suppressed and obliterated by agents of the celestial patriarchy.

In this context, then, how are we Pagan, pantheist, and Neo-Pagan peoples to regard the continuing and relentless extermination of the whales and dolphins? Certainly an act of genocide on any scale is heinous enough, but in this case we are witnessing not merely the eradication of a single human community, nor even of a whole race of humanity, but of dozens of entire species of great and wonderful beings, far wiser and more ancient than the totality of human experience, with a record of total benevolence towards us throughout our recorded history. Moreover, if it is true, as I hereby suggest, that the whales and dolphins house within their complex and superior brains the very mind itself of our entire planet, then their destruction must be perceived as the deliberate lobotomizing of our own dear Mother. Can a body live when its brain has been totally destroyed? Perhaps, as a drooling idiot or a raving maniac, it could. But can we, who know, love and serve our Mother, permit this fate to overtake Her without doing everything within our power to prevent it? I hope not. When one sees one's own Mother being raped, tortured and mutilated, is it sufficient to file orderly petitions with the sadists politely requesting that they desist? At some point it becomes necessary to throw one's own body into the fray, to fight, and if necessary, to kill those who will not be persuaded by milder means to cease their attack. In this case, my brothers and sisters, defending the very life and soul of our common Mother means sinking whaling ships, cutting dolphin nets, dynamiting shipyards, and speaking out in councils of native Americans, that the whales may survive; that the Earth may live; that we may evolve.

For we must never delude ourselves into believing that their fate—that Her fate—is not our fate too.

We are floating weightless above an abyss. Below is the murky past and above is the silvery future. Between ourselves and that silvery world we see a spreading shadow—a stain of blood dying the waters crimson—and it's growing larger every twelve minutes.

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# MUTTERINGS FROM MAMA BELTANE

by Mama Rue

"Fire! blaze and burn the witches; fire! fire! burn the witches," they sang in Scotland as they danced around a bonfire on a hilltop or promontory to scare away the witches believed to be casting spells on the cattle and stealing their milk. On the first of May, Beltane (Anglicized form), witches were thought to reach the full realization of their powers with the increase of energy from the sun. (The original names for the days were Bealtaine, Irish Gaelic pronounced b'yal-tinnuh; or Bealtuinn, Scottish Gaelic pronounced b'yal-ten.) The eve of May Day, like the eve of Samhain (now called Hallowe'en) was a time of the opening or weakening of barriers between planes of existence, providing opportunities for calling forth spirits or energies to cause mischief, and thus giving rise to rituals among followers of institutional Christianity to protect against these workings. An example is the celebration of Walpurgisnacht in Germany on May Day eve. "St. Walpurgis Night" is named after an English abbess who founded religious houses for women in Germany in the eighth century. Her efforts at preserving women from the evils of sex and worldliness led to her being viewed as a protector against witchcraft.

In fact, the original Pagan celebrations on Beltane had nothing to do with malicious spirits. From Russia to Peru, from Iglulik in the Arctic to the sunny land of Greece, sacred fires are lit at the beginning of summer (Beltane) and the beginning of winter (Samhain), and constitute the two major Pagan festivals of the year. They were apparently inspired as year markers for herdsman, not by the agricultural cycle. Traditionally, the cattle were taken to the high pastures to crop the fresh grass at the first of May, when fear of severe cold was past, and were brought back to stall or slaughter at the approach of cold weather. These religious celebrations of the changing seasons adapted well as agriculture developed, since Beltane comes at the end of sowing and Samhain at the end of harvesting.

Beltane is named after the Danaan (Celtic) god, Bel, Beli, Belus or Belinus, whose bird is the robin. Bel was the Supreme God of Light (but not a true Sun God, since the Tuatha de Danaan or Celts considered the sun to be feminine), either as her son or through a "sex change operation" occurring with the cultural change from mother-rule to father-rule. Elsewhere Bel was known as Marduk (Babylonian), Jupiter (Roman), Thor (Teutonic), and Baal (Canaanite), Lord of Lightning and Thunder. Prior to the deification of Jesus, male gods were primarily representative of the energies used in war (anger) and sex (lust). Within pre-Christian cultures, these forces were not viewed as good or evil in themselves; even the evaluation of events as "good" or "evil" was quite subjective. Life was considered a constant conflict and interplay of forces, all of which could either benefit or harm one. What was "good" to one individual might be simultaneously "evil" to another. These and other powerful archetypal energies were controlled and persuaded to benefit their worshippers through ritual, meditation, prayer, and sacrifice. But the gods were capricious and could exert their powerful

energies and cause fires, floods, rape and murder as casually as they warmed the house, watered the fields, created babies and destroyed one's enemies. To the early Jews, their god was not "better" or more loving than the gods he displaced but more powerful. Separation into light and dark; benevolent and cruel deities occurred shortly before the advent of Christianity, which adopted the separatist concept and invented Satan.

Baal provides a good case study illustrating this. To the Jewish authors of the Bible, Baal was perceived as evil (the general fate of competitors to one's deity), but to the Canaanite myth, when Mot (god of death and sterility) is ravaging the world, Baal goes to fight him and is defeated and sent to the underworld. While Baal is gone, crops wither and the world is barren. But Baal's sister Anath (also Asherah, Astarte) seeks out his body and gives it proper burial. She then takes revenge on Mot, saying "Death, thou shalt die." She chops him with sword, burns him with fire, grinds him in a mill, and sows him in the fields. The death of Death brings about the resurrection of Baal and the revival of Earth's fertility. Readers of previous columns will recognize this myth, which in common with its brethren worldwide contains an eternal female and a two-sided male god (light and dark, growth and death) who dies and is resurrected. Beltane (or Ostara) is thus a celebration of the return of the sun's energy, of new growth, and of life superseding death in the timeless cycle in which life and death have equal value, and thus lust and anger have positive roles to play in their place.

Like all the other pagan (i.e., peasant) holidays, Beltane seems to be mostly another ancient excuse for a drunken orgy. Along with dancing around the bonfire and jumping through it to assure good luck, Beltane was a time of dancing around the maypole, love chases, "greenwood marriages," and staying up all night to watch the sun rise. The maypole dance was such an obviously phallic worship ritual that the Puritan Parliament in England made it illegal in 1644; the restoration of the monarchy revoked the law. Pagan holidays are so consistently celebrated with unrestrained joy and sexual liberty, one wonders if those were the only times of year when people engaged in sexual activity—a kind of birth control through ritual. Certainly, the burgeoning of the world's population occurred after sex became the irresistible "forbidden fruit" reviled as evil by the religious patriarchs attempting to supplant pagan beliefs and practices.

Robin Hood, who was likely an actual historical character, is also a mythological one intimately bound up in May Day folklore, along with Maid Marion and Little John. The numbers of people with such surnames as Hodson, Robinson, Jenkinson, Johnson, etc., owe their ancestry to some distant May Eve in the woods. In addition to being Bel's bird in Celtic myth, the name "Robin" in French means a ram and/or a devil. A pamphlet published in London in 1939 depicts Robin Goodfellow as an ithyphallic god of the witches, with young ram's horns sprouting from his forehead, cloven hooves, and a coven of men and women witches

dancing around him. In Cornwall England, "Robin" is a synonym for phallus. Maid Marian (mermaid) is another incarnation of the love goddess from the sea.

After the first of May, in ancient Greece and in England, people went about in old clothes, abstained from sexual relationships, and washed the temples and images of gods. It was considered a very unlucky month for marriages. The Greek Goddess, Maia, meaning "grandmother" and being but another name for the great White Goddess of matriarchal times, was propitiated at marriages at any time of the year, since marriages were considered hateful to the Goddess. This is understandable since marriage as we know it was the invention of male-dominated culture. As long as children and property belonged to the mother and were inherited through the female line, marriage was unnecessary since there is never any doubt about who the mother of a child is. However, for property and children to belong to the father, it is mandatory that the woman belong to the man, take his name, and have no other sexual partner. I doubt that jealousy over sexual relationships was a problem until it became economically meaningful.

Thus, May from about the middle on was the month of purification, and enforced chastity,

ending about the middle of June. The overlapping of the lunar and solar calendars probably explains the seeming contradiction between this historical custom and the *Ballad of Robin Hood* and the *Curtal Friar* which begins:

But how many merry months be there in the yeare?

There are thirteen, I say;

The mid-summer moon is the merriest of all,

Next to the merry month of May.

So have a merry May Day, and then behave yourselves until we meet again at summer solstice.

## Happy Wedding, Grouch!

All of us here at *Earth First!* would like to offer our best wishes to our friend and Letters to the Editor correspondent, The Grouch, and his wife upon their wedding in March.

Dear EF!

In paraphrase of Patrick Henry

Gentlepeople may cry, "Peace, Love, Dove," but there is no peace in OUR land: a war has already begun! Every wind carries the stench of death; even the rains burn the land, as its life is poisoned and consumed. Our bothers and sisters are already in the field; why stand we idle? Is life amid the toxic wastes in a radioactive moonscape so dear? Is peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of Earth's life?

I know not what course others may take, but I will defend this land, or water the Tree of Liberty.

—Sam Adams

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# MORRIS BERMAN'S POLITICS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

by Denis J. Brion

In his recent book, *The Reenchantment of the World* (Cornell Univ. Press, 1981), Morris Berman presents, from his perspective as an historian of science, an account of the emergence and maturation of the "Cartesian" consciousness that pervades Western culture. Although it may be surprising, our present consciousness represents only a recently-emerged stage in a long process of development. Until the Scientific Revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, our conscious world was one in which we recognized that phenomena were a mental construct, and in which we tended to function with a sense of participation with these phenomena. A revolutionary consequence of Rene Descartes' mechanical philosophy, with its cornerstones of rationalism and empiricism, is our present stage of consciousness. This consciousness, in which we no longer recognize the synthetic nature of phenomena and in which a rigid distinction has been established between the observer and the observed, has almost completely eradicated our ancient sense of participation.

Berman's estimable book is more than a revealing history of consciousness. It is also an analysis of the nature of our current stage of development and an exploration of the consequences of its emergence. Berman's analysis is both predictive and normative—predictive in its identification of factors that suggest the coming breakdown of Cartesian consciousness, and normative in its identification of the alienation of humans from the natural world as the principle functional flaw of Cartesian consciousness.

In his concluding chapter, "The Politics of Consciousness," Berman argues for the emergence of a planetary culture generated from the coming post-Cartesian consciousness. This planetary culture—characterized by mankind "fitting into nature rather than attempting to master it"—can evolve if the new consciousness emerges in a "safe context"—political decentralization based on "biotic provinces" (pp. 292-295). As a law teacher specializing in land law and the law of local government, I have found myself increasingly drawn to the question of how American law can be developed both in order to protect ecological values and to protect and foster local communities. On reading *The Reenchantment of the World*, I realized that my posing of that question could quite accurately be described as in implicit acceptance of Berman's proposition that there ought to be an evolution toward a planetary culture and an inquiry into the role that the law ought to play in answering what Berman asks in his concluding chapter, "How are we going to get there?"

In *The Politics of Consciousness*, Berman takes pains (pp. 285-292) to emphasize the importance of safe context in order to prevent another possible product of post-Cartesian consciousness—an elitist culture in which both humans and nature are dominated. In describing his safe context, however, Berman seems to dispense with any mechanisms for containing power, which he describes (p. 275) as "the ability to make others do what you want them to against their will." This apparent lacuna, is of course, consistent with Berman's planetary culture in which

power over others is "a contradiction in terms (p. 275).

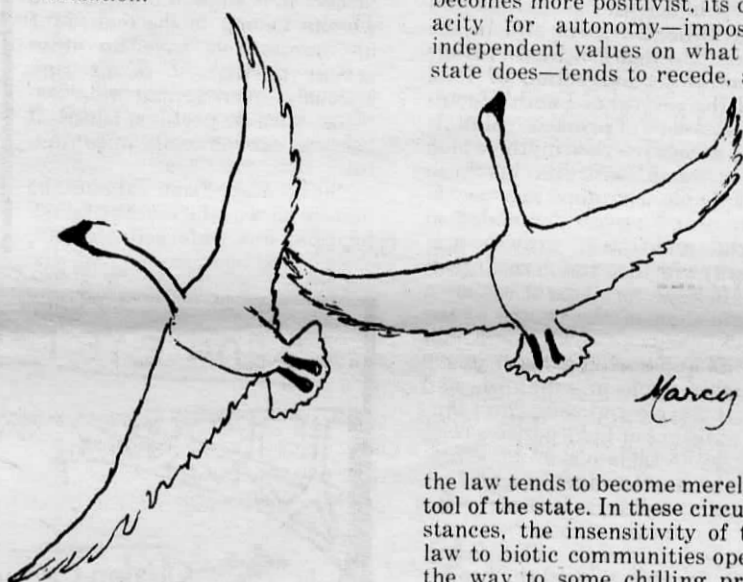
I am much less sanguine that political decentralization alone will eliminate the need to constrain power. I should think that some additional intervention is needed and that it is worthwhile for people of my persuasion to worry about such matters. This is no doubt merely a conceit that what we lawyers do really matters. I suspect also that my concerns are generated by a lawyer's preoccupation with power—specifically with institutional structures and with the rights and liberties of individuals.

Even if, however, humans can dispense with consciously-imposed constraints on power when planetary culture is ultimately achieved, it would seem that the interim problem of developing a safe context is still a matter of constraining and channeling the exercise of power. Thus, my current groping for solutions tends to involve at least some engineering of society. Let me try to justify that by considering, first, ecological values and, secondly, political decentralization.

others, the conflict is resolved by a balancing process. This process, however, goes forward with the utilitarian presumption basically intact.

I have found only one glimmer of light in the stuff of recent American jurisprudence—a 1970 decision of the Wisconsin Supreme Court which ruled on a challenge to the state's wetlands protection statute. The challenge was brought by the owner of a lakefront parcel whose plans to fill in the wetlands for second-home sites had been frustrated by the statute. The court rejected the landowner's argument that he was effectively being denied his constitutionally-protected right to private property because he was left with economically worthless land. The court in effect turned the issue on its head by holding instead that the land owner's property rights did not entitle him to use the land inconsistently with its natural ecological functions. Unfortunately I have not found any other instances of such non-traditional reasoning by American courts.

As the nature of American law becomes more positivist, its capacity for autonomy—imposing independent values on what the state does—tends to recede, and



the law tends to become merely a tool of the state. In these circumstances, the insensitivity of the law to biotic communities opens the way to some chilling prospects. I take it that the latest theory of evolution, which describes the process as the "survival of the fittest genes," is, as a positive matter, pretty solid. The sociobiologists, however, also accept this process normatively (p. 284 again: homeostasis, taken to its logical conclusion, means that "whatever is, is right").

A graphic example of the chilling prospects of sociobiology taken normatively is provided by Lewis Thomas in his two collections of essays, *The Lives of a Cell* (Viking, 1974) and *The Medusa and the Snail* (Viking, 1979). In the essay "Natural Man," Thomas spins out a vision of the future by extrapolating from humankind's current process of transforming and covering earth's surface:

We have become, in a painful, unwished-for way, nature itself. We have grown into everywhere, spreading like a new growth over the entire surface, touching and affecting every other kind of life, incorporating ourselves. The earth risks being eutrophied by us. We are now the dominant feature of our own environment.

Thomas's vision finds a new planetary being, whose nature seems to be described by the termite nests and bee hives in his essays, "On Societies as Organisms" and "The Tucson Zoo." In this vision, humankind is reduced to "motile tissue specialized for receiving information," no more than a "special phase in the morphogenesis of the

earth." This planetary being, the evolution of which could quite plausibly be abetted by a purely positivist, instrumentalist law, is the antithesis of planetary culture precisely because, within it, humans are no longer individuals. Ironically, this planetary being is also a biotic community, even though, as it evolves, it totally destroys biotic diversity.

To my mind, humans are humans precisely to the extent that they rebel against the evolutionary process of gene survival. (I realize, of course, that this position leads to all sorts of inconsistencies and ironies, not the least of which might be giving up a basis for disagreeing with gene manipulation.) If the law instead abetted this rebellion by giving humans as individuals a right to the maintenance of maximum diversity in biotic communities, then this might constitute at least a first step in developing an ecological constraint on what humans do. This right must be enforceable by individuals as individuals, since the state itself cannot ultimately be depended upon to do so.

## 2. Political Decentralization

Lewis Thomas's "planetary being" would most likely evolve inadvertently, from blind acceptance of the positivist state and the evolutionary process of gene survival. Berman raises a parallel problem (p. 295) that the evolution of a post-Cartesian consciousness can "lead to transference and blind obedience to authority"—that is, to equally monolithic and subsuming non-biotic structures that also develop inadvertently. Berman's solution is deliberate political decentralization.

Again, I question whether this solution, by itself, will necessarily prevent the inadvertent development of non-biotic authoritarian societal structures. I have a strong suspicion of local communities, a suspicion that is based simply on my agreement with James Madison's *Federalist No. 10* and Thorstein Veblen's wonderful invective that the small community tends to be a splendid engine for tyranny. Berman's worry about transference in *The Myth of the Machine*, observed that the authoritarian state has been the normal way throughout history in which humans have organized themselves. Jorge Luis Borges, in "The Babylon Lottery" [in *Ficciones* (Grove Press, 1962)], suggests that most people prefer it that way.

The mechanism for the back-firing of political decentralization can arise from the way in which the value of local communities is defined. Recently, there have been some faint stirrings in the academic legal literature which suggest that the next trendy topic is going to be "community values." Unfortunately, these stirrings seem to take for granted that the value of communities lies in their potential to function as actors in the pluralistic process. Berman is well aware (pp. 282-285) of the problems of pluralism and the potential for the emergence of Robert Lilienfeld's "alternative model of industrial totalitarianism."

Not long ago, I visited Paoli Soleri's "Arcosanti" in Arizona, the prototype for the physical structure of a decentralized community. When I tried to imagine, however, what it is that Arcosanti's residents would do for a living, all I could think of was that, in the future, most workers will be information processors. Because of satellite communications technology, this work can be done anywhere.

When I also realized that Arcosanti looks for all the world like a beehive, all I could think of was that Arcosanti, based on Soleri's

concepts of miniaturization and decentralization of physical communities, could easily evolve into "The Machine" described in E.M. Forster's story, "The Machine Stops" [in *The Eternal Moment* (Harcourt, Brace 1928)]. This Machine seems to be just another version of Lilienfeld's homogenized system, generated from a different starting point. Yet, Soleri's Arcosanti is appealing in the same way that Mediterranean hill villages and fishing villages, tightly constrained by their natural setting, are appealing.

Political economists and sociologists studying the nature of public choice are beginning to develop sophisticated analyses of the exercise of power in communities. These analyses from devastating critiques of pluralism. An excellent example of theory is Steven Lukes' *Power: A Radical View* (MacMillan, 1974). His theory was empirically demonstrated by John Gaventa in his study of an Eastern Tennessee coal mining community, *Power and Powerlessness: Quiescence and Rebellion in an Appalachian Valley* (Univ. of Illinois, 1981). Analyses such as these help to expose the process by which decentralized communities can lead to Forster's Machine or Lilienfeld's homogenized system.

Unfortunately, of course, I am not bursting with ideas about how power can be sufficiently constrained. In different ways, both power-attenuating societal structures and systems of individual rights and liberties are community-defeating. Yet, those are the only interim options that seem to be available. Worse, Godel's Proof seems to suggest that any rational structure is ultimately flawed. I cannot help but think that the clue to a solution is contained in the "outlaws" from Forster's Machine. This view, borrowing from Fritjof Capra's metaphor of Shiva's Dance, would describe the constraint of power as a process of generating a series of structures each of which will have only temporally-limited success.

Denis J. Brion  
Washington & Lee Univ.  
Dec. 21, 1982

## LETTERS

Continued

Dear EF!

My heira from the "lower 48" to Alaska seven years ago was based on the observation that there ain't no pristine, unviolated wilderness left down there. Here in Alaska I have stood, on many occasions, where I'm sure no man (or woman) has stood before. However, this idyllic, halcyon situation is rapidly changing, and will exist no more if the "rape and run boys" (James Watt, ARCO, EXXON, Don Young, Frank Murkowski, et al) have their way.

—Nome, AK

Dear EF!

I have two suggestions for the EF! reading list. They are *Song of Hejochbah*, by Hyemeyohsts Storm (Harper & Row), and *The Book of the Vision Quest: Personal Transformation in the Wilderness* by Stephen Foster and Meredith Little (Island Press). Foster and Little are the founders of Rites of Passage, which Bill Devall refers to in his "Earth Bonding" article. Their address is 15 Hansen Road, Novato, CA 94947. Both of the above books are available from them and their newsletter, "The Stonepile," is \$10/yr.

—San Diego

simply marvelous

frog egg strands  
caught on  
submerged branches  
and rocks  
trans-parent tube-sacks  
filled with black seeds  
undulating  
in the river's  
clear  
current

Kirk Lumpkin  
Oakland

### THE RECESSION IS CHANGING ITS NAME

the jobs aren't there  
to look for  
real people  
(citizens)  
(americans)  
are despondent  
and worse  
praying  
to the great  
white  
got  
TrickleDown  
"all i want  
is a chance  
a job  
of my very own  
to despise"  
they've been  
(you know  
who i mean)  
tossing out lies  
like it was  
confetti  
name-calling  
remodelling  
changing stories  
like it was  
underwear  
a ruse is a ruse is a ruse

Kurt Lipschutz  
San Francisco

# ARMED WITH VISIONS

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### RAGE

I could make myself stop feeling The Rage,  
Become like the others, the cold masses,  
Feigning ignorance to avoid the act.  
(Not tonight, Honey. I have a headache.)

I, too, could let the lies become truth  
In my mind and ignore the Great Truth of my blood.  
But I would rather quiver with The Rage  
Than bend over and yazzaboss the Bastards.

Four Dollar Bill

### SOLUTION TO THE MIDEAST CRISIS MORE EQUITABLE (AND MORE INFALLIBLE) THAN THE PAPAL LINE OF DEMARCATION BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL

Send all the Palestinians  
to the north half of Utah.  
Send all the Israelis  
to the south half of Utah  
Send all the Mormons & Falkland Islanders  
to Israel/Palestine.  
And let the Penguins have the Falkland Islands.  
In other words: render unto Argentina  
the things that are Argentina's  
and render unto the Amazon Forest  
the Trees & Indians naturally living there;  
stop casting lots for Christ's garments  
and let El Salvador down from the cross.

Jeff Poniewaz  
Milwaukee

### AT THE PECKERWOOD SAWMILL

Shoveling sawdust  
Beside my fallen friends  
I save the pitiful spittle  
Of the death-machine's  
Spinning teeth, stilled now  
Grinning, lipless as a skull

Hank Fonda  
Andrews

Токта Рел

Skip Thurlow thanks you for your trust.  
Maine Yankee thanks you for your trust.  
Trust that 44% of the voters don't trust them.  
Trust that 200,000 people voted to close down the plant.  
Trust that our rates will go up anyway.  
Trust the company whose meters couldn't measure the earthquake.  
They were rusted shut.  
Trust the alarm sirens that don't work.  
Trust the company vice president, former director of customer services,  
who lies under oath to the Public Utilities Commission.  
Trust the company that still gives him full pay.  
Trust that if the **Maine Times** and other papers support the plant, they will have  
lots of advertising from CMP, Maine Yankee, Cianbro, L L Bean.  
Trust that a friend will die from cancer.  
Trust that a friend will die from leukemia.  
Trust that a friend's child, or perhaps your own, will have genetic damage.  
Trust that it takes more than bumperstickers to close a plant.  
Trust that if they can, they will store their wastes in your backyard.  
Trust that if there is an accident, they won't tell you until it is too late.  
Trust that there will be an accident.  
L L Bean trusts them.  
Bechtel trusts them.  
G E, Kerr McGee, Westinghouse and Exxon trust them.  
Ed Muskie, now working for Nestles, trusts them.  
Bill Cohen, now on the Trilateral Commission, trusts them.  
Governor Brennan trusts them.  
Trust "firm belief or confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability, justice, etc.  
of another person or thing."  
Thank you for your trust.

Gary Lawless  
New Brunswick

### Recommended Books & Mags

Factory by Antler • City Lights Books • 1980 • \$3  
Raking the Snow by Elisavietta Richie • Washington Writers' Pub.  
House • 1982 • \$4  
Third Rail Uri Hertz, ed • 1870 N. Vista St. • L.A. CA 90046 • \$5  
Just Looking for my Shoes by Leslea Newman • Back Door Press  
• 1980 • \$3  
Thread by Bob Arnold • Pentagram Press • 1980 • \$6  
Tidal News by John Curl • Homeward Press • 1983 • \$5



### Message to the U.N.

Let Nicaragua lead humanity  
let the spirit of the night  
turn the world to day  
Let Nicaragua be the song  
of great liberation for the planet  
the dark age of doom has beset us  
civilization will do a tumble  
less we rise like the moon  
oversee the dangerous destiny  
If we do not  
Atlantis will sink  
Survival will be barren  
but the new consciousness  
the new seed of evolution  
will carry forth and live  
Let the dragon ring the bells  
I count twenty dark moons  
five goats of blood  
six fingers of mud  
I count the universe...  
its great breath...  
is forever...

Pancho Aguila  
Repressa

Map of the new

the old



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# THE BATTLE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN RAINFOREST

by John Seed

Wollumbin (Mount Warning, Compassion Mountain) is the first place in Australia touched by the rays of the morning sun. The plug of an ancient volcano, Wollumbin is encircled at a radius of about 15 miles by the remains of its crater walls, eroded over 20 million years into the characteristic hills of the Rainbow Region, just south of the Queensland border.

In 1973, the Aquarius Festival around the tiny township of Nimbin introduced thousands of young people to the area. Nimbin and the surrounding dairy farms were dying, and festival talk of collectively buying the cheap land soon turned into the reality of Co-ordination Co-operative moving onto its first thousand acres at the head of Tuntabale Valley, a few miles from town.

There are now about 300 people living at Tuntabale Falls, often in "hamlets." (No two hamlets are the same, but many consist of shared kitchen, bathroom, workshops, gardens, orchards, etc., with individual/family sleeping units a short distance away). Thousands of other hippies, yogis and similar aquarian spirits have moved into the area in a variety of land sharing arrangements. Unfortunately, competition for the subtropical climate soon came to include macadamia and avocado monoculturalists and the price of land went up ten to a hundredfold in a decade.

The 500 shares in Co-ordination Co-operative cost \$200 per adult and entitled one to build a house, plant gardens and orchards, pasture animals and vote at the monthly tribal meetings. There were no restrictions on membership and very few rules or regulations other than don't shit in the creek. Terania shire council encouraged the development by creating an experimental "hamlet" zoning which accepted far greater density of development than previously permitted

on rural land.

Soon an amalgamation of local government areas took place and Terania Shire disappeared into the Lismore City Council, a much more sober and prosperous body not driven by hard times to flirting with social innovation. For some years however, the city turned a blind eye to the flood of illegal developments taking place to its north. They were usually hidden among the hills on land that was marginal to traditional agriculture, and at first they weren't in anyone's way.

The new settlers slowly discovered that these hills encircled the remains of a once mighty forest, the fabled "big scrub." A few thousand hectares of unlogged forest remained, mainly on the steepest land, and was in the hands of the state Forestry Commission. It consisted of wondrous associations of rainforest types in the moist gullies, shading off to sclerophyll forest buffers on the drier ridges.

These rainforests are the tiny remaining fragments of the mighty primeval forest that covered the continent as it slowly drifted away from the rest of Gondwanaland 100 million years ago. As climatic change pushed the rainforest east and north, from their vast pool of genetic material were woven the flora and fauna that now covers all the land.

The first reforestation associations in the country were formed within the watersheds of our two northern rivers, the Richmond and the Tweed, and plantings of eucalyptus and pines began on the eroding south slopes, rainforest pioneer species in the weed infested gullies. Some thousands of newcomers had settled the area when, in 1979, the state of New South Wales (NSW) was rocked by a dispute over the logging of 1000 ha. of Terania Creek, one valley east of Tuntabale. Following five years of negotiations, meetings, petitions, and submissions, about 300 young people

camped on private property adjoining the state forest, peacefully and forcefully obstructing the logging operations. Roads were blocked, bulldozers impeded. People climbed into marked trees and tied them to each other with cable. Others camped high among the branches. Over 100 police were there every day and the logging proceeded at a snail's pace.

Surreal images of bulldozers escorted by police, and hippies among the lush forest giants festooned with vines, became regular nightly fare on national television. A first, then a second party of parliamentarians flew up from Sydney 600 miles to the south to inspect the matter. Finally, after a month, the logging was suspended while a commission of inquiry took place.

The region polarized over this issue, and these events shocked and angered the conservative old settlers who saw in them only a contempt for law and order and established values. A couple of weeks after the protests, Lismore City Council issued demolition orders on the 16 dwellings at Bodhi Farm situated on the ridge between Tuntabale and Terania creeks, a community involved in the rainforest dispute. Zoning laws only allowed for one dwelling on their 60 ha. However, NSW was governed by the Labor Party, traditionally representing the poor, the underdog, while in the north of the state, the entrenched interests were part of the conservative opposition machine. Some years earlier we had formed the Home Builders Association to lobby for changes in the zoning and building regulations. Nothing doing. Now the government immediately drafted multiple occupancy zoning legislation which allowed people to live in rural hamlets up to a density of one person per ha. They also pardoned all transgressions against the old zoning laws and pulled the rug out from under Lismore's feet. Even now,

more than three years later, the dust hasn't settled. The city fought various legal battles to overturn the decision and finally conceded defeat in 1982.

Also in 1982 the ponderous Terania Creek Inquiry which had cost over \$1 million delivered its verdict—that 6% of Terania Creek could be logged with various new environmental safeguards.

The conservation groups had become highly skeptical of the inquiry once it became clear that the old judge had no conception of the ecological issues involved (remove 6% of a Rembrandt?) and that this was in no way the Environmental Impact Assessment they had been promised. The judge's interpretation of his terms of reference was so narrow as to exclude many of our submissions. We finally abandoned the inquiry when he refused to consider a submission by the National Parks Association—that Terania Creek be included with the rest of the Nightcap Range in a 4500 ha. national park.

By the time he delivered his findings, an intense campaign was well underway to preserve all of NSW rainforests. An opinion poll had shown that 70% of the people were by now in favor of protecting the rainforests. The Nightcap National Park proposal was being vigorously pursued and, in August, 1982, a new protest camp was set up on Mount Nardi where logging was taking place a mile east of Terania Creek. The camp lasted for nearly three months and 130 arrests had taken place when, in October, an injunction was granted to the Nightcap Action Group by the Land and Environment Court. The logging stopped. The court ordered the Forestry Commission to pay the Nightcap Action Group's legal costs.

Three days after his decision, the government ordered a rapid phasing out of rainforest logging in NSW and immediately reserved 100,000 ha. of the most

valuable areas in national parks. These included the Nightcap National Park which contained both Terania Creek and Mt. Nardi.

By now many hundreds of people here have received an accelerated ecological education and a change to a new consciousness as a result of our participation in the defense of nature. It has become clear that the consumption of the earth by Mammon is proceeding much too fast to be solved by a linear sequence of knee-jerk reactions to the worst excesses of the urban-industrial religion (golden-calf worship). For every forest saved, 100 are lost. Though essential, this form of protest is clearly not sufficient. Some more far reaching and fundamental change is called for, a new paradigm, a new religion, a new way of seeing ourselves and nature.

Promising work towards a new philosophical/spiritual basis for a sustainable earth is taking place worldwide. It is variously termed new philosophy of nature, eco-philosophy and deep ecology. A conference on deep ecology is being held here in August 1983. Inquiries may be addressed to the author (see address below).

1.) For some literature on the Terania and Mt. Nardi actions, send a few dollars to cover postage to the Rainforest Information Centre, P.O. Box 368, Lismore, NSW, 2480 Australia.

A documentary tape "Nightcap Rainforest—Thinking Globally, Acting Locally" is available for \$10 inc. postage from the above address. It consists of about 30 minutes of great local music and about 30 minutes of dramatic material from the protests, plus other information about the plight of the world's rainforests.

2.) For copies of some deep ecology manuscripts, send a few dollars to cover copying and postage to George Sessions, Sierra College, 5000 Rocklin Rd., Rocklin CA 95677.

## PRIVATIZATION—OR ESCONDIDOING THE ESCONDIDO

by Bill Bretz

According to an article in the Annual Report Fiscal Year 1982, published by the BLM's California State Office as the January, 1983, issue of *BLM News Beat*, "...One of the highest priority programs of the Interior Department is to make available for sale or transfer Federal properties that are excess to Federal needs, or which can be managed more effectively by the private sector. This new program—Asset Management—is intended to reduce the fragmented land pattern found in many areas and to derive revenue for reduction of the national debt.

An internal review of lands that might qualify for sale was made by California BLM in Fiscal 1982. Multiple use planning to date has identified approximately 320,000 acres as potentially available for public sale. Approximately 5,500 acres in 21 parcels are scheduled for sale in Fiscal '83 to test procedures and response...

Asset Management? Or is it Asshole Management?

Considering the scope of this land tenure adjustment program and its impacts, considering that it is the first major battle of the Sagebrush Rebellion, it is surprising how feeble and ineffectual has been the response of the environmental/ecology movement, and other opponents of the Reagan Administration's

policies.

Hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands will be put on the auction block and sold to private development interests—these are lands owned in common by all Americans, yet they will be ripped off by a few realtors and developers in exchange for a trivial, meaningless contribution to the Federal budget. Why doesn't it outrage the sensibilities of fair-minded Americans all over the continent, that their heritage and common property out here in the West is being diminished significantly for such base reasons as are involved in Watt's Asshole Management program?

It is true that portions of these lands have been overgrazed or otherwise abused by poor past management practices, but these are lands that could recover eventually into healthy terrestrial habitats in many cases; and there are many significant tracts of natural, near-pristine and pristine habitat that are part of the last of a rapidly diminishing, irreplaceable ecological resource also involved in this asinine management program. Where is the outcry from those who understand the social and ecological values of undeveloped, natural lands, and that Watt's Asshole Management Program is a needless, irresponsible reduction of this essential component of

ecologically sound national land use?

Many of the parcels are contiguous with the numerous Indian Reservations, at least throughout this part of Southern California, so the Native American community faces not only potential new, private-sector neighbors, but also the loss of the treaty-given or traditional rights to hunt and gather on certain non-tribal lands in the public domain. Yet there has been no move by Native Americans to exercise their considerable rights in this matter.

In Southern California, this Asshole Management Program involves more than 100,000 acres scattered through western Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and San Diego counties, and is called the Escondido Project by the California Desert District Office in charge. According to my Spanish dictionary, a *escondido* means "on the sly" or "undercover," and the verb *esconder* means "to hide, conceal," so there is a special irony in the name Escondido Project. Perhaps it helps explain why there has been no resistance any stronger than a few letters and statements, and a bit of low-key grumbling at the BLM hearings that were held.

Here is what is happening in my neighborhood as of 30 June, 1983, and by simple extrapolation,

it's what will be happening in yours in the future if you live nearby any undesignated public land administered by the BLM:

- Generally, tracts of land contiguous with a National Forest boundary will be transferred to the National Forest system (but many such parcels will not).

- Tracts or parcels that have been requested according to the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act will be held in limbo until the petitions are acted upon.

- The remainder will be designated at that time as "potentially available for disposal by sale under asset management." Ultimately included in this category will be those limbo-lands for which R&PP petitions are denied, as well as any parcels the Forest Service doesn't request (it could request everything if it wanted).

My local District office is saying that more than 50,000 acres of the Escondido Project lands will be designated as potentially available for sale, and the California State office has identified 320,000 acres as such statewide, so you might want to check with your District office about what's going on in your neck of the woods.

There are a few nonviolent, direct actions that could be taken at this late date to try to minimize the loss of these public lands, but they must be initiated

before 30 June, 1983, in the Escondido Project area. (There may be a rapidly approaching deadline in your area also):

- **Recreation and Public Purposes Act.** This law (43 CFR Parts 2740 and 2910) has established a process by which local governments, nonprofit associations and nonprofit corporations can acquire public lands for recreational and public purposes. The petitioning process is inexpensive (\$10 filing fee) and relatively straightforward, if you have located and can identify the specific parcel of land for your purposes. The petition must describe how you would manage the land, in accordance with the R&PP act requirements, so you must be prepared to do a bit of creative grant-proposal type of writing.

Any serious, legitimate petition received by the BLM before 30 June will save those requested lands from being segregated into the "For Sale" category, at least until the petition has been acted upon. If your petition is granted then you must be prepared to take over certain land ownership responsibilities, and to pay the purchase or lease price determined by the BLM. This varies depending on the petitioning part and can be as low as 5% of the fair market value.

A broad-based R&PP petition campaign in which numerous



The following interview was conducted in an unknown location, since the reasons for secrecy are obvious. This reporter was instructed to meet Bigfoot atop the Collier Tunnel near the Oregon/California border, where I was told to ingest a herbal mixture that induced a catatonic state of euphoria followed by unconsciousness. I awoke in a dark cave where this interview took place. I was then returned to the summit in the same condition in which I left.

EF!: Wow, that was good shit, got any more?

Bigfoot: Later, whiteman, let's get down to business.

EF!: Okay, okay. First let me ask you, why all the secrecy?

Bigfoot: Back in ancient times, there was no need for secrecy. Homo sapiens inhabited only the lower areas of this region and there was little or no overlap of territory. Humans were

always respectful when entering the high country and never stayed long. Occasionally, there was contact between humans and Sasquatch. The atmosphere of fear and mistrust did not exist. That was before the settlers came and started destroying the forest with religious zeal. After witnessing the genocide of the native human population by the outsiders, it was felt that we would fare no better and so all contacts were avoided after that.

EF!: So, why the change now?

Bigfoot: As you know, the Siskiyou/Kalmiopsis region is our last stronghold, and the only place we can continue to exist. Any further intrusions would be the beginning of the end for us. When we first read the *Earth First!* newspaper, we were surprised to find that there were humans who weren't bent on subjugating the entire earth for their

own ends, and realized the sacredness of all life. It's been a long time since we've seen any such respect for diversity among your people. With this ecological holocaust approaching, that is, not just our extinction but the destruction of all forest ecosystems, we thought some line of communication might be opened before we all perished.

EF!: So, what would your advice be to humans who want to help?

Bigfoot: Well, in the words of that Abbey character I was reading about, "Oppose, resist and if necessary subvert!" Keep in mind that it is not just the Bigfoot you will be saving from extinction, but your own worthless asses as well.

EF!: Okay, okay. Now, back to my first question: That was some really good shit. You got any more?

entities (i.e., county and city governments, schools, colleges and universities, churches, clubs, foundations, historical societies, etc.) requested carefully selected parcels and tracts could conceivably save considerable acreage from going into private hands. It is not likely that such a counter-attack to the Sagebrush Rebellion could be mustered before 30 June, and yet, if everybody independently just showed up on his own.

• **Mining claims.** If a mining or mineral rights claim is filed on any of these undesignated public lands before 30 June, then the parcels affected will be held in limbo until the claims can be validated. Claim validation takes two or three years... before the first was invalidated, a new and different claim could be filed, and before that was invalidated... ????

• **Native American Rights.** Indian Reservations have special rights that enable them to request for addition to the tribal lands those parcels of undesignated public land that are contiguous with the reservation. A parcel sharing two sides in common with the reservation may be had simply by request made to the District Office, under the Indian Education Act of 1970, according to one BLM staff person I talked with. Parcels sharing one side may be had by making a formal request to Congress. If you are not a Native American, perhaps you know one... ????

• **Forest Service Deals.** It is much simpler for an organization or a group to arrange to lease National Forest land than to

comply with the BLM's R&PP process. It might be possible to convince the Forest Service administration to add to their laundry list another specific tract (that otherwise would be sold), if you arranged in advance to lease and administer the land after it became part of their jurisdiction. This wouldn't increase the Forest Service's administrative load, and it would expand its domain and enhance its reputation.

The most difficult problem facing the would-be land management activist is that of getting accurate information about the specific eligible lands involved, and their precise locations and boundaries. In Southern California, if you know of tracts or parcels of undesignated public land lying west of the California Conservation Desert Area, chances are good these are part of the Escondido Project. The most direct and best approach for involvement is to contact your District office immediately and arrange to examine their maps for locating possible R&PP lands. For the Escondido Project area the address is:

California Desert District,  
Bureau of Land Management  
1695 Spruce Street  
Riverside, CA 92507

The R&PP process can be applied to any undesignated public land in any state, so making such a request at any District office is an excellent way to create an opportunity to review their maps and to find out something about that office's Asset Management Program. Any District office should also be able and willing to provide you

with copies of the R&PP Act (BLM Circular No. 2450), the blank petition (Form 2740-1), and a booklet explaining the R&PP process in detail, to enable you to prepare a proper petition.

I don't know the details of filing a blocking mining or mineral rights claim, or of activating the Native American community's claims on adjacent lands, but your District office would certainly be a great place to start getting information in your area, if only to serve notice that you don't intend to let the Asshole Management programs go unchallenged.



"WE CAN GO NOW... WE'RE NOT THE DRUIDS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!"

## GATHER WITH EARTH FIRST! AND FRIENDS IN THE MOON OF RIPE BLUEBERRIES

near  
SHINING ROCK WILDERNESS  
in the western North Carolina mountains  
from the 20th to the 23rd of August

We hope most EF! members in the region, and many from across the country, will come and bring their friends. The 20th and 21st are Saturday and Sunday, and those whose work and affairs permit will want to stay until the 23rd, which is the full moon.

The campsite is a large meadow, beside a big creek; it is an area proposed for addition to the Shining Rock Wilderness, but passed over in the RARE II rip-off, and now subject to exploitation. There are NO "facilities," so bring whatever you need. It is reached by a mile-long footpath from a Forest Service parking lot, which is on a gravel road off the Blue Ridge Parkway, about 35 miles from Asheville, NC. A map and detailed instructions will be published in a subsequent issue.

We are waiting to hear suggestions and ideas from all of YOU before we make more detailed plans, but as a starting point for discussions, here are some of our ideas:

People will be arriving on Saturday, and will need time to settle in, so we don't plan anything before a late afternoon common meal: Bring your own food and maybe a little to share. There will be a council fire Saturday (and probably every) night; singing will likely burst forth; an informal rap may develop.

On Sunday we felt a spiritual gathering would be appropriate, after people have time to eat breakfast privately and attend to their morning affairs. Perhaps a "sharing of wise counsel" for the afternoon, with each person speaking as inclined and inspired. Then too, there will be a lot of informal networking, splashing in the creek, berrypicking, walking and...

EF! members in NC are preparing maps and information concerning the endangered natural treasures in our state. We hope people from other states and regions will do something similar. Let us know what you'd like to share: perhaps to make some presentation on a topic of interest to EF!

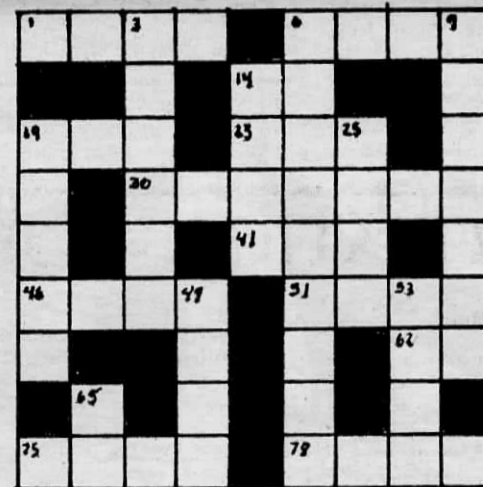
By Monday the 22nd those who stay may want to get down to serious planning sessions on strategy and tactics for preserving this land and its life. On the 23rd the moon will be full, and it seems that some celebration of union with the Earthmother would be a very positive way to complete the gathering, perhaps at moonrise.

As you can see, we have not yet "planned" Y/OUR gathering, so tell us what you think and want, then be there to make it happen. Let us hear from those of you who plan to attend:

Hank Fonda  
Rt. 1 Box 640B  
Andrews, NC 28901

answer next issue

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1. Reagan does not have all of these in the water
6. Cal Black's ideal site for a nuke dump
14. NO \_\_\_\_ Road!
19. Environmental terrorist organization (abv.)
23. "\_\_\_\_ damn Watt!"
30. Headed conspiracy to poison innocent people
41. Domesticated animal
46. Runover by bulldozer at Salt Creek
51. Regurgitate, gungel
62. Illinois (abv.)
73. Male pig
78. Gibson Dome formation

Down

3. Dope in White House
6. Coors "beer"
9. Greedy corporation running U.S. Gov't.
14. Hippie backpacker food
19. Reagan's sacrifice area
25. French ballet dress
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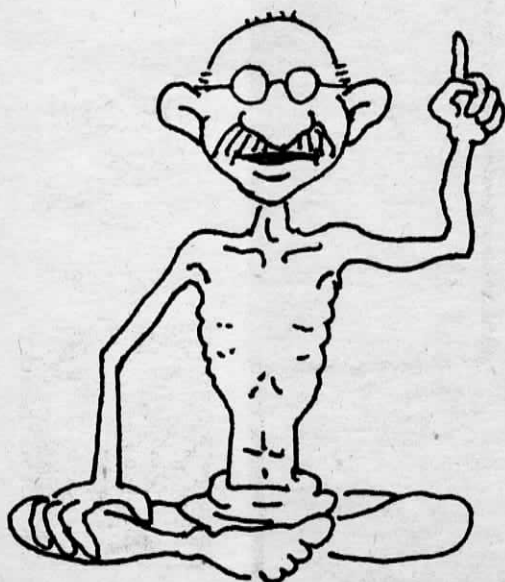
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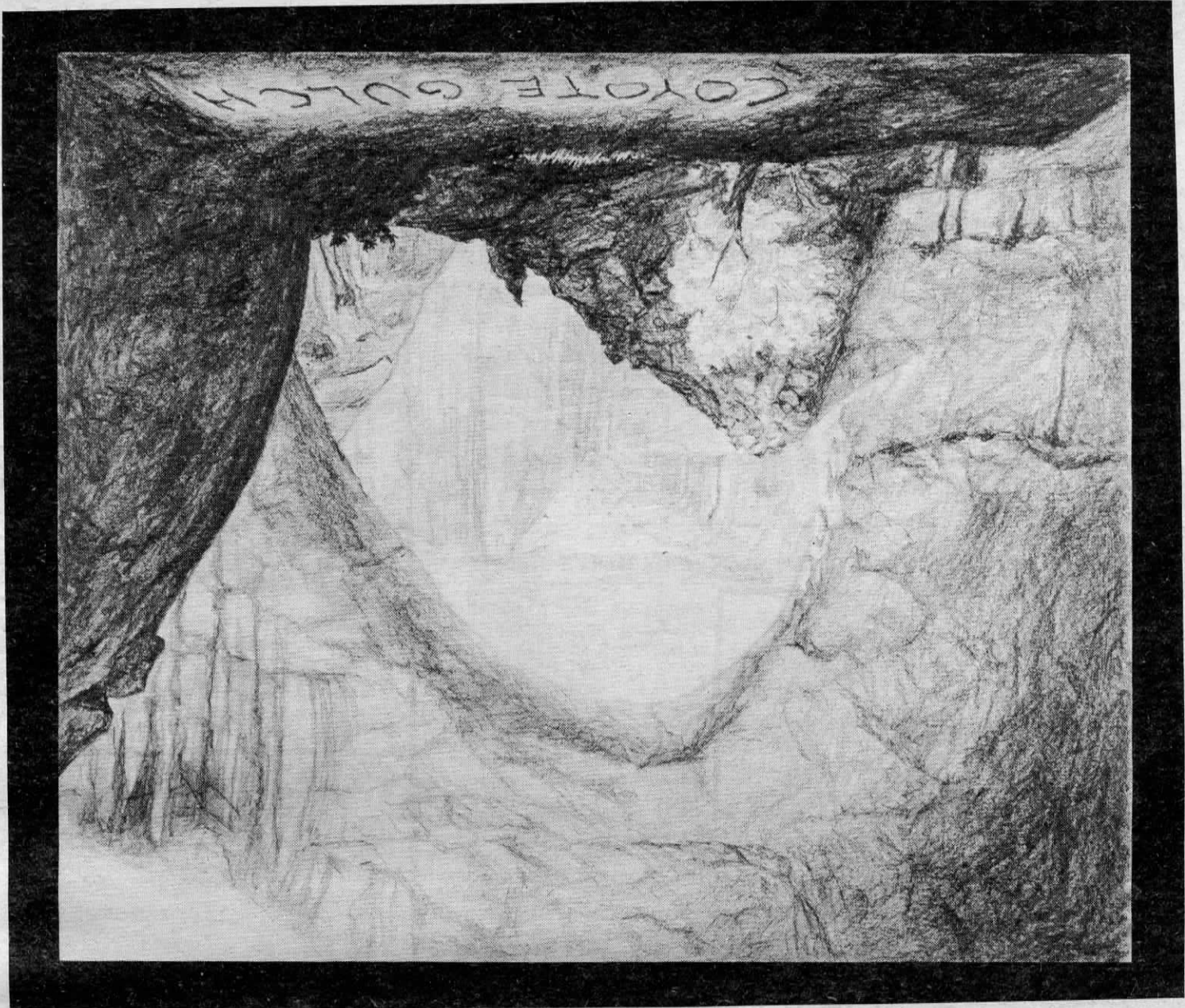
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